

UN Council draft would 'deplore' Israel action in territories

UNITED NATIONS. — A group of third world countries yesterday asked the Security Council to deplore Israel's policy on Jerusalem and towards inhabitants of the administered areas.

The proposed resolution was a softened version of an earlier draft, in that it deplored Israel's alleged improper activity but did not condemn Israel. The sponsors hoped to obtain U.S. support, or at least its abstention.

The resolution, sponsored by Benin, Guyana, Pakistan, Panama and Tanzania, would deplore Israel's failure to stop actions and policies tending to change the status of Jerusalem and call on it to rescind existing measures.

It would also have the Council call on Israel, "pending the speedy termination of its occupation, to refrain from all measures against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories."

Bid to avoid American veto

The modification of the original draft followed Tuesday's speech by the new U.S. representative here, William Scranton. Mr. Scranton chided Israel for resettling occupied territories. He called this illegal and also said changes made in Jerusalem had no standing. (See below).

Diplomatic sources said some Arab States, finding the remarks positive and constructive, were prepared to try for a resolution which the U.S. need not veto. The draft was not put before the Council yesterday afternoon, as its sponsors wanted to give Washington time to study it.

British Ambassador Ivor Richard said that the new text allayed some of the fears which had been created by the "tentative and exaggerated language" in earlier versions. There was now a lot in it with which Britain agreed, he said.

Mr. Richard reiterated British concern at events in the West Bank, in particular reports of the manner in which Israel sought to restore order. But if peace and tranquillity were to be restored it was of the greatest importance that the Council avoid recrimination, which could only lead back to a vicious circle of violence and the dead end of suffering, he said.

Pro-Israel Americans yesterday staged a demonstration outside the UN headquarters to mark what they saw as the "beginning of the end of U.S.-Israel friendship." (Reuters)

State Dept. denies Kissinger's version Scranton speech 'is Ford policy'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday forcefully denied that there were any "unfortunate expressions" in UN Ambassador William Scranton's address before the Security Council last week.

Responding to reports from Jerusalem that senior American officials, either Secretary of State Henry Kissinger or Under Secretary Joseph Sisco, had told Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinits that there were some "unfortunate expressions" in the Scranton speech, the Department spokesman said that Scranton's speech was "a carefully read" in the State Department before Scranton delivered it. The speech, which Israel officials have officially protested against, has resulted in a strain in Israel relations, which Israel officials said yesterday could be un-

The Council was moving yesterday for a final vote on a resolution condemning Israel's practices in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, but as of midnight Israel time the vote had not yet been taken. Although Israel had officially asked the U.S. to use its veto to block passage, American officials said a final decision would be made at the last moment by President Ford and Kissinger, only after the exact wording of the resolution became final.

Ambassador Dinits met with Kissinger on Wednesday evening to express Israel's official displeasure over the tone and contents of the Scranton speech.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Tzvi Tabor yesterday invited U.S. Ambassador Melnick to meet him today to clarify American policy in the wake of the Scranton speech. Mr. Tabor can be expected to express the Government's displeasure at its criticism of Israel's policies in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Kissinger and other American officials have informed the Israel

Embassy here that Scranton had only received "general instructions" from Washington but that the U.S. envoy later inserted some sections which Israel found objectionable.

But Administration and other informed sources said yesterday that Kissinger and his aides were merely attempting to place responsibility on Scranton for what they themselves had been responsible for. The widely-held feeling here was that Kissinger was once again not exactly being totally honest with Israel.

According to reliable sources, Scranton received the text of the speech from the State Department only moments before he was scheduled to deliver it, and read it exactly as prepared in Washington.

American sources made it clear yesterday that the new envoy, only on the job for a few days, would not have dared depart from the exact wording of the speech, which was carefully written in Washington. Yet despite this fact, Kissinger has attempted to lay responsibility on Scranton, insisting that the envoy received only "general instructions."

'U.S. wants '67 borders'

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The current U.S. surrounding U.S. Ambassador William Scranton's pronouncements the United Nations has brought about what many pro-Israelists in the U.S. have been warning against for many months: a return of former Secretary of State Dean Rogers' Middle East peace plan.

Although dormant for the last 22 years, the Rogers Plan has along remained U.S. policy, despite some wishful thinking by Israeli officials. Privately, American officials have recently begun telling

newsmen in rather blunt terms that Israel will eventually have to give up all of the territories captured in June 1967 — with only minor adjustments.

It is, therefore, not a mere coincidence that the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations quarterly "Foreign Affairs" has published an article in the April edition proposing a return of all the occupied territories — not in exchange for peace, but only for demilitarization.

It is also not surprising that the article is written by a senior U.S. Army officer on leave this year to (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

Rabin: Ties with U.S. will improve

TEL AVIV. — Although there are bound to be disagreements with the U.S., the foundation of our relations is a solid friendship, and things will eventually change in Israel's favour, Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night.

He was addressing the Religious Academics Club at the Pail Hotel, getting an enthusiastic ovation from his audience when he told them that there was no doubt about the future of Jerusalem, and that Israelis need not get nervous about it because of a speech by an American representative. (Him)

UK Labour vote

LONDON. — Leftwinger Michael Foot yesterday topped the first poll in the Labour Party election to choose Britain's next Prime Minister, with Foreign Secretary James Callaghan at a close second.

The battle to succeed retiring Prime Minister Harold Wilson appeared likely to be fought out next week in another ballot by these two party veterans, representing the party's left-wing and its centre, polled 90 of the total 314 MPs. Callaghan had 84 and the Secretary Roy Jenkins came in third with 56. Leftwing Energy Secretary Tony Benn had 37. Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey 30 and Environment Secretary Anthony Crosland 17.

MKs want their free phones to be tax-exempt

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Knesset accountant Yacov Lemberger has applied to the tax authorities to exempt Knesset Members from paying income tax on their phone bills.

MKs are entitled to a free telephone and do not have to pay for calls. They and their accountants claim that this also means they need not pay the income tax on phone bills.

The Knesset House Committee has discussed this subject but has reached no formal decision. But in view of the accountant's application it appears that it favours it.

The income tax reform instituted last April stipulates that all payments to employees, direct or indirect, including phone bills, should be taxed. Lemberger stated that the tax has not been deducted from MKs' salaries. He pointed out that the tax itself is not large, averaging from IL70 to IL80 a month.

Treasury rejects Histadrut wage demands as talks open

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday rejected a Histadrut demand that civil servants' pay be increased by four per cent this year and a further two per cent next year.

At a meeting with Histadrut leaders here he reiterated the Government's decision to freeze wages in the public sector. He also noted that the government was committed to implementing the Barkai committee recommendations to cut half the specific allowance in April and the rest in October.

The Histadrut insists on a wage increase to employees who have not been receiving the specific allowance. Some 20,000 civil servants who have been receiving the allowance are to hold two-hour protest meetings from 7.30 this morning. The employees, in the Ministry of Communications, income tax, property tax, customs and national insurance have also threatened a full strike in a fortnight, against implementing the Barkai Committee recommendations.

(The problem — Page 2)

Netanya man, 56, hit-and-run victim

NETANYA. — A 56-year-old Netanya man, Haviy Eliya, was killed by a hit-and-run driver on the Coastal Road near here early yesterday morning. Police believe the vehicle was a lorry or a van.



BEIRUT PORT installations and warehouses burn uncontrolled during yesterday's leftist advance in the Lebanese Capital. (UPI)

Lebanon seen falling to leftist forces Syria stands aside

By ANAN SAFADI
PORT Middle East Affairs Correspondent

LEFT-WING FORCES appeared yesterday to have tightened their grip on Beirut and other areas of Lebanon sparking off fears of a possible Marxist take-over. Yesterday's events were interpreted as meaning that the 11-month Lebanese civil war was no longer a Christian-Muslim conflict, but a confrontation between radicals and conservatives. Evidently boosted by massive Soviet arms supplies, the leftist seizure of Beirut was similar in many aspects to the MPLA's takeover in Angola.

The most puzzling phenomenon was Syria standing on the sidelines. The leftists defied all its warnings against further military activity in Lebanon. They as well as the radical wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, accused Syria earlier this week of "plotting" against Lebanon's "progressive forces." The leftists further rejected Syria's renewed mediation efforts aimed at dividing the Lebanese administration equally between Christians and Muslims as a prelude to restoring peace in that country.

Frangieh was followed to his refuge by leftwingers' guns, triggering an exodus by Christians, many of whom were reported to be fleeing in boats to Syria and Cyprus.

Lebanon's Christian Maronite Patriarch Khreish yesterday issued an emotional appeal to Syria to resume its intervention so as to save his country from "imminent total destruction." Another Christian Maronite leader, Pierre Jemayyel, head of the Phalangist militia, appealed to Christians and other "noble Lebanese" to join his forces for what he termed the "battle of life and death" in Lebanon.

Jemayyel issued his appeal amid reports of advances by the leftwingers. The backbone of the leftist forces comprises radical army rebels, leftist militias as well as the PLO. It was not clear whether the Damascus-sponsored Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) and the Syrian-controlled "Sa'eka" sabotage organization were taking part in the current fighting. The "Sa'eka" was on Wednesday accused by George Habash's radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) of fighting against the PLO, though yesterday's reports from Beirut said that the Syrian-backed movement was confronting the Christian Phalangists.

Galilee civic leaders vote against strike

By YOEL DAE,
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SEKIPARAM. — An overwhelming majority of the chairman of Arab local councils in Galilee yesterday voted against taking part in the strike called for March 30 by Rakah (the New Communists), to protest against the Government's expropriation of lands for Galilee's development.

The secret vote came at the end of a stormy 3 1/2-hour session at the Town Hall here, and was held despite a last-minute effort by Rakah supporters to prevent it. Of the 48 attending mayors and council heads, 35 voted against the strike, one was in favour, and three abstained. Nine participants, presumably the Rakah members among the Council chairmen, did not take part in the vote.

Reporters were not permitted to enter the meeting hall, but the shouting could be heard clearly outside. A request for a secret ballot was signed by 35 of the mayors before the meeting. Nazareth's mayor, Rakah MK Tewfik Zayyad, could be heard loudly calling for an open vote, joined by other Rakah council chairmen. When they realized the majority was against them, they argued for abandoning the strike entirely, and letting each council chairman make his own decision on the day scheduled for the strike.

Several hundred youngsters crowded outside the Town Hall during the meeting, shouting encouragement for the Rakah men. A police force of 200 was posted in order to keep the order, and additional reinforcements were readied outside the town.

The police presence proved necessary when the vote became known — the youngsters began to throw stones at the Town Hall. When the youngsters began to attack the police, these moved in and began making arrests. At least 12 youths were held. One policeman was hurt.

The Premier's Adviser on Arab Affairs, Shmuel Toledano, stayed at the nearby police training base to await the results of the meeting. Earlier he had met with the chairman of three Beit Netufa Valley villages — Deir Hanna, Saknin and Araba — and asked them to change their minds and vote against the strike.

In Haifa, the coordinating committee of the economic organizations published a statement warning all Arab employees that these absent from work without sufficient reason on Tuesday would be considered as having quit.

Protest in Cairo over high cost of living

CAIRO. — Several hundred Egyptians yesterday staged a peaceful demonstration in the centre of Cairo complaining of the high cost of living.

The demonstrators marched from the People's Assembly (Parliament) to the Cabinet Building carrying banners urging the government to take effective measures to help low-income categories. The demonstrators then dispersed without incidents.

President Anwar Sadat, meanwhile, pledged during a military rally at an unnamed air base to "crush remaining subversive elements" who he said allege his plans to liberalize the country's socialist economy are creating instability. Cairo Radio reported that Sadat also warned that he would not tolerate any attempt by anyone in the army to engage in politics.

Sadat also said that the next move on the Middle East should be a final settlement, including Israel's withdrawal to the boundaries it held before the June 1967 war. He said that "after the U.S. (November) presidential elections we shall begin talks for a final settlement. No more step-by-step but withdrawal to the 1967 borders."

Sadat, who blunted a coup by what he terms "centres of power" — a pro-Moscow ex-vice president, a war minister and several Cabinet members — to oust him from power in May 1971, said he would "hesitate to bring the rest of them to light." He did not name them or identify their political leanings.

In addition, Cairo yesterday rubbed salt into Russian wounds by announcing that China had supplied free of charge some of the badly-needed military equipment the Soviet Union has refused to deliver.

A brief statement carried by the official Middle East News Agency said that the Chinese had provided 30 engines for Egypt's Soviet-built Mig combat aircraft as well as "several thousand aircraft spare parts" and other military equipment. (Reuters, AP)

Hebronite dies after fight with soldiers

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

THE SECURITY forces have been alerted to the possibility of renewed disturbances following today's Maccabean prayers. Extremists could attempt to exploit the religious feeling expressed in the Friday noon service, in order to undermine the relative quiet that prevailed this week in East Jerusalem and the West Bank after almost two months of unrest.

Reports yesterday said that radical circles were trying to use an affirmation by the High Court of Justice of the right of Jewish access to the Temple Mount (although not to conduct prayers there) to instigate further Arab discontent.

The relative calm throughout Judea and Samaria was marred in Hebron yesterday following the death of a local man after a fight with troops. This was the third Arab fatality in some 10 days of security crackdowns on rioters.

The Hebronite, Hamdan Assad Abu R'maleh, 32, was struck by soldiers when he grappled with one of them and tried to disarm him while youngsters were throwing stones at the troops on Wednesday evening. Security sources said that Abu R'maleh was taken to the Hebron Military Governor's headquarters for treatment by an army surgeon. The latter, suspecting fractures, had the wounded man taken to a local Arab hospital where he was given transfusions. When the army surgeon suggested he be transferred to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem, the family and the local doctor refused, sending him instead to a hospital in Beit Jala. Only some time later was he sent to Hadassah, where he died after a few hours.

R'maleh's funeral was held in Hebron late yesterday, after an autopsy in Abu Kabir's Forensic Medicine Institute. Some 2,000 people were in the cortege but all remained calm.

(The Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, yesterday told newsmen that the crux of troubles in Arab-populated areas was "Israel's continued occupation." The veteran leader said that Arabs in the administered areas "insist on preserving their sacred holy places

as well as on the right to self-determination.")

There was tension beneath the quiet in several West Bank towns, including Nablus, where schools and many business premises remained closed for the seventh week running.

A curfew imposed on Ramallah and el-Bireh 11 days ago after violent demonstrations was lifted yesterday afternoon. (Doubts — Page 12)

TURKISH VILLAGES RAZED BY 'QUAKE'

ISTANBUL. — Two villages were "completely flattened," yesterday by an earthquake that jolted Turkey's Kars Province, near the Soviet border, the semi-official Anatolia news agency said.

The agency said the villages of Kucukceskak and Buyukceskak were hit by two shock waves. An earthquake in the eastern Turkish region last November killed more than 2,000 villagers. (AP)

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Forecast: Warm and dry.
Outlook for Saturday: Further rise in temperatures.
Weather synopsis: Ridge from Iraq to the eastern Mediterranean with an easterly dry and warm flow over our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	35	11-22	11-23
Golan	32	10-21	10-22
Nahariya	42	11-21	11-22
Safed	43	11-21	11-22
Haifa Port	67	11-21	11-22
Tiberias	30	11-21	11-22
Nazareth	43	11-21	11-22
Afula	35	11-21	11-22
Sharon	35	11-21	11-22
Tel Aviv	65	11-21	11-22
B. G. Airport	64	11-21	11-22
Jericho	35	11-21	11-22
Gaza	31	11-21	11-22
Be'er Sheva	31	11-21	11-22
Elot	31	11-21	11-22
Tiran Straits	31	11-21	11-22

Social and Personal

The South African Ambassador, Charles Fincham, yesterday called on the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Shimon Agranat.

The Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Edward G. Lee this week visited Canada House, the absorption centre in Ashdod built by United Israel Appeal of Canada. They were accompanied by Gordon Brown of Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moss of Montreal; Dr. Samuel Hurwich, chairman of the Israel Committee of the U.I.A.; Leo Marcus, national executive director of the U.I.A.; and Sol D. Granek, director-general of the U.I.A. in Israel. They were received by Zalman Zamir, director of the absorption centre.

The University of Haifa yesterday awarded honorary fellowships to Heinz-Oskar Vetter, chairman of the West German Trade Union Organization and president of the European Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and to David Hachoen, former MK and diplomat.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at: Ihud Shivat Zion, 58 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Rabbi Yehuda Anspacher and Arye Chapman, Tour Ve'aleh.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8:45. Rabbi Dr. Norman Friedman and Benjamin Avi-Leah of the Foreign Ministry will be the speakers. Zmiron: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Rabbi David Taler as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

Paul Ehrlich wing named at Weizmann Inst.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
REHOVOT. — Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany yesterday honored the memory of the late Nobel Prize scientist Paul Ehrlich, with the dedication of a wing in the Arnold Meyer Institute of Biological Sciences in the Weizmann Institute here.

Ehrlich, who died in 1915 at the age of 61 and was described by his contemporaries as a "good and conscientious Jew," is best known for his contributions to chemotherapy and for developing Salvarsan, a medication for syphilis.
Dr. Mildred Scheel, wife of the German President and herself president of the West German Cancer League, officiated at the ceremony.
The guest speaker was Prof. Hans Herken of the Pharmacological Institute of the Free University, Berlin, who spoke on "Paul Ehrlich — Pioneer of Chemotherapy." German Ambassador Per Fischer also spoke.

WZO sets budget of IL281,393,700

TEL AVIV. — The Finance Committee of the World Zionist Organization yesterday approved a IL281,393,700 budget for the coming fiscal year. This year's budget amounted to IL230,400,000.
The greatest part of the budget for 1977 goes to immigration — over IL90m.; the Youth and Hehalutz Department, IL57.7m.; organization and information, IL25.8m.; and education (both secular and religious), IL15.6m.



A member of the Kober family is grabbed from behind by a policeman as he goes for another policeman (left) with a kitchen knife. Seconds after this picture was taken, the would-be assailant got away. (Courtesy of "Yediot Aharonot")

5 held after Ekron family 'battle' police

By YITZHAQ OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Kibbutz Ekron, normally a quiet little village, erupted into violence on Wednesday night as a local family bombarded police with stones, broken glass and homemade Molotov cocktails.

Applying more diplomacy than force, police finally persuaded the family to come down from their apartment house, where they had barricaded themselves for several hours. Five members of the family were yesterday brought before a magistrate and remanded in custody for eight days. They will be charged with assaulting policemen, resisting arrest, damaging property and disturbing the peace.

The violence started after the head of the family, 45-year-old Shalom Kober, was injured when his scooter overturned on Wednesday afternoon. He was taken to Kaplan Hospital.

At 11 p.m. about a dozen members of the family arrived at the hospital (Kober has two wives and 24 children). When they were told they could not see the patient outside visiting hours, they started shouting and breaking furniture. Hospital officials called the police, who arrived after the rioters had already gone home.

The police thought the incident was over, but it had just begun. Back in Ekron, south of here, the family members barricaded themselves in the two flats they occupy on the top floor of a three-story building, while some of the children climbed up to the roof where they smashed the glass reflectors of the solar water heaters.

When the police arrived they were greeted by a hail of stones and broken glass. One stone

smashed the windshield of a police jeep. By the time police reinforcements arrived, the family had improvised Molotov cocktails — kerosene in bottles.

One of Kober's older sons warned the police they would blow up the building if it was stormed. About 1 a.m. yesterday more police reinforcements had arrived from Ashdod, Rehovot, Rishon LeZion and Ramle. Standing by were fire engines and ambulances, but no one was hurt.

The senior police officer present, Nitzav-Mishne Uri Shilo, decided not to storm the building because of the children, one of them a two-month-old infant. After an hour of shouted persuasion, one of the sons, Hanina, 17, and his mother came out and surrendered.

They were followed several minutes later by a dozen more, cursing and spitting at the police. One young man went for a policeman with a breadknife but was disarmed by another constable. The attacker managed to escape.

A boy of nine shouted an obscenity at Rav-Pakad Eliezer Givner of the Rehovot police, and threatened him with a large stone. "Let's see if you can do it," the police officer snapped. He walked up to the boy and yanked the stone from his hand. Then he grasped the boy firmly with one hand and patted him gently on the head with the other. The boy calmed down and allowed himself to be led to the police car.

In all, 10 members of the Kober family were arrested, including the two mothers. Both women and three children under 12 were released yesterday morning, and the remaining five were ordered remanded into eight days' custody.

Grossman said linked to Mizrahi Bank

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Grossman, deputy examiner of banks, whose remand in custody was extended on Wednesday for an additional 10 days, was one of the investigators of United Mizrahi Bank's connection with the Dairy Board. It was learned by The Jerusalem Post.

In the affair, Bank Mizrahi granted low-interest loans to the Dairy Board. The investigation by the Bank of Israel revealed that there was nothing illegal in the bank's conduct.

Asked about Grossman's role in this investigation, a Bank of Israel spokesman said that it was marginal and, therefore, it was doubtful whether that investigation would be reopened.

In the investigation of Grossman, arrested on March 6 on suspicion of breach of trust, Bank Mizrahi's name has appeared several times. In the second remand hearing, last Friday, the police revealed that Grossman held a power-of-

attorney to operate an account opened in 1972 at the Allenby "Passage" branch of the Mizrahi Bank in the name of his sister-in-law, Rivka Cohen.

The police claimed there were 22 separate transactions in which IL4m. worth of securities were bought and sold through this account. Grossman's profit in these transactions, which involved the First International Bank as well, came to IL201,000, it was claimed.

In Wednesday's remand hearing, police revealed that Grossman's wife held a Mizrahi Bank account. Through this account, Grossman obtained IL500,000 worth of special bonds that are normally allocated only to financial institutions. It was also revealed that Grossman had failed to file income tax declarations for several years. However, once an investigation of his accounts at Mizrahi Bank had begun—but before he was arrested—he filed a letter with the income tax authorities about these transactions.

Police are now investigating whether someone or several individuals at Bank Mizrahi may have passed on advance information about the investigation to Grossman.

A PSALM OF DAVID

Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell upon Thy holy mountain?
He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth in his heart;
That hath no slander upon his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his fellow,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour;
In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honoureth them that fear the Lord;
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;
He that putteth not out his money on interest,
Nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.
Psalms 15

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BACKGROUND REPORT

The problem of 'specific' pay

THE MOST IMPORTANT element in the wage negotiations which opened yesterday will be implementing the Barkai Committee recommendations on abolishing "specific allowances." Four parties are involved:
• The Government, which has accepted the Barkai recommendations and has decided on a wage freeze in the public services.
• The Histadrut, which has also accepted the Barkai proposals but opposes the wage freeze.
• The 18,000 or more civil servants who receive "specific" wage increments and oppose Barkai's recommendation to abolish them.
• The 42,000 civil servants who receive no such increments and insist on equal wages for all government employees.

The Histadrut is also bound by its decision to obtain a larger wage increase in the production sector than in the services. In January this year the Histadrut and the employers agreed on a 6 per cent wage increase in this sector, thus fixing the limit to the maximum increase in the wages of government service employees.

Although implementing the Barkai recommendations and the col-

lective wage agreement are not necessarily connected, the compromise which will eventually be reached may reflect the minority opinion in the Barkai Committee. The minority suggested that the process of equalizing salaries in the public services could be done by increasing the wages of those who did not receive specific increments by 3.4 per cent over two years and decreasing (over six months) the wages of those who received such increments by whatever percentage it would take to match the others'.
The minority recommendations contain elements to satisfy almost all the sides in the negotiations. They leave a significant gap between production and service workers. They equalize wages but do not deprive those who receive specific increments of everything they achieved. From the government point of view, the wage increase will be minimal and will enable a shift from the services to production.

The main difficulty will remain with the 18,000 employees who have received specific increments. These workers are a very strong pressure group which has already decided to strike within two weeks if the Barkai recommendations are

implemented. They include the employees of the income tax department, the National Insurance Institute and the post office employees who are capable of starting a fight even without Histadrut backing, as they have proved in the past.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz is dependent on the strength of the Histadrut in this struggle. He has done everything to appease it lately by cutting subsidies. Less than was recommended by his advisers. However, the Histadrut finds it difficult to control its members. The Civil Servants Union has already decided against the Barkai recommendations, although formally it is bound by the Histadrut Central Committee decision to approve them.

The dependence of the Finance Minister on the Histadrut leaves much power to the latter. In order not to lose its grip over its trade unions, it will ask the minister to be more flexible.

One possible outcome could be that the 3.4 per cent increase recommended by the minority will be granted within one year, rather than two. Even such an increase will leave wages far behind inflation.

Mukhtars of E. Jerusalem discuss problems with City Hall officials

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek was sitting in his usual chair in the Municipal Council chambers yesterday, but sitting around him were 35 East Jerusalem mukhtars, men representing the Arab neighbourhoods and villages within the city limits. They had been invited by the municipality to a study day in which municipal development plans for East Jerusalem were spelled out and the mukhtars given a chance to vent their problems.

The invitations had gone out more than two months ago — well before the current disturbances over the Temple Mount — and some municipal officials expressed grateful surprise that there had been no demonstrative boycott.

The disturbances were not passed over by the mukhtars. They presented a petition calling for a reduction of tension by removal of soldiers from East Jerusalem. Several times, the issue was raised verbally. For the most part, however, the discussion stuck to the municipality's role in providing ser-

vices that affect the day-to-day lives of East Jerusalem's residents. The mukhtar of the Christian Quarter, noting that Easter was drawing close, asked for special night lighting in the quarter during the holiday season for the pilgrims who will be thronging its unfamiliar alleys. The mukhtar of a village near Sur Bahir complained about the impossibility of obtaining building licences even for modest expansion of existing houses.

The Israeli Arab in charge of education in East Jerusalem for the municipality, Mikhal Anatur, explained that registration for kindergarten had begun for the coming year and asked the mukhtars to help dissuade parents of children born before the eligibility date — even just a few days before — from attempting to register them. He said that schools for retarded and handicapped children will be opened in East Jerusalem next year.

Zvi Ron, the municipal official in charge of East Jerusalem affairs, explained that budget limitations would not permit all the

mukhtars' demands for their communities to be met. He expressed the hope that development budgets in East Jerusalem would eventually be channelled directly to the local communities for disposal as they saw fit.

Although most of the mukhtars have weekly contact with Ron's office, the general meeting is held twice a year to give them a broader view of the city's problems and plans.

The great majority of the mukhtars were appointed by the Jordanian authorities and continue to serve as a channel between the municipality and the local community, a task for which they receive only a nominal fee. The local mukhtars, however, do not constitute the central political leadership in East Jerusalem.

After two hours of discussion in City Hall, the mukhtars visited the Islamic Art Museum in West Jerusalem — for all of them a first-time visit — toured a new health centre in the Wadi Jos quarter in East Jerusalem and had lunch in Jerusalem Forest Recreation Centre.

Beduin sheikhs 'intimidated' on eviction protest

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A representative of a Beduin inter-tribal committee protesting state eviction orders yesterday complained of Government intimidation.

The representative, Nuri el-Okdi, said that the Southern District Representative, Yizhak Vardimon, had warned sheikhs who were among the organizers of a protest rally tomorrow, not to attend it or allow their tribesmen to attend. The rally is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the el-Okdi encampment, near Arad.

Nuri el-Okdi said that Vardimon on Wednesday had summoned sheikhs one by one to his office for 15-minute sessions. He said he had spoken to six sheikhs afterwards and they reported that Vardimon had told them that tomorrow's meeting will harm state security and the sheikhs will be responsible for measures taken against them. Vardimon last night told The Jerusalem Post he had advised the sheikhs not to follow incitement because "it may influence (our) relations," but he insisted he "did not threaten anyone."

Youngest Zalmanson arrested

By SARAH HONG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Prisoner of Zion Shiva Zalmanson said her sole free brother in the USSR was arrested yesterday. She spoke to her father by phone last night and learned of the arrest.

The brother, Samuel, in his early twenties, is the youngest of the Zalmansons and the only one of the brothers thus far to have managed to stay out of prison. Shiva, her husband Edward Kuznetsov, and her brothers Israel and Wolf were all imprisoned in 1971 in connection with the desperate Leningrad plot to hijack a Soviet plane out of the USSR.

Shiva was released in 1974, but her husband is still serving 15 years at hard labour, her brother Wolf is in for a ten-year term, and Israel for eight years.

According to Miss Zalmanson, her father told her that police entered his home yesterday and arrested Samuel. They did not touch any of the family's possessions, but refused to say why they were taking the son into custody.

Allon: U.S. must use veto

By SEAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel expects the U.S. to use its veto power in the current Security Council session, even against the "milder" resolution, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said last night, while the Security Council debate was in progress.

The milder resolution's terms "were perhaps less offensive," Allon said, "but its use of words was more astute and no less hostile." His public reaction to the speech by American UN Ambassador William Scranton came during a speech to the Labour Party's Etgar circles.

"Possibly, as we are told by our friends, these (Scranton's words) were not new departures from American policy." But the reiteration was badly timed, made in the wrong place and was bound to encourage Arab extremists to believe

they had scored a partial victory, Allon said. The least the U.S. could do to balance the impression was to exercise the veto.

Anyhow, he added, U.S. policy on this issue was wrong in the first place, and repeating it did not make it right.
Israel cannot take American advice on where and when to settle in the West Bank. "This is a matter on which the Israeli Government alone should decide, on the basis of its national security requirements," Allon said.

The executive of the Opposition's Herut Party yesterday urged the Government "to give a suitable reply to Scranton by initiating a large-scale settlement programme in all the liberated territories of our homeland, and to institute Israeli law in all of Eretz Yisrael."

16 teams in rugby tournament

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sixteen teams will take part in tomorrow's second annual seven-a-side tournament at Kibbutz Yizre'el, held by the local Rugby Football Union in memory of Dudi Silbowitz. Silbowitz, a member of the settlement who fell in the Yom Kippur war, was vice-captain of Israel's rugby XV and led his kibbutz team in the National Rugby League. (He also played cricket for Israel, and the Cricket Association runs a competition in his memory.)

The day-long event, which winds up the union's 1975/76 season, begins at 9.45 on two adjoining fields, with each of the 38 scheduled matches lasting 14 minutes. After the four-section round-robin preliminaries, the two top teams in each section will play off for the Silbowitz Trophy, with the remaining participants competing for the plates. Chief referee will be Charles Abelsohn.

With many new teams formed in recent months, another dozen or so tournament entries had to be

turned down for lack of facilities, according to union vice-president Aubrey Ginsberg.

If Holon can succeed in retaining the trophy which they won last year, the club will complete the double this season, as they have already gained the league title. However, Holon can expect a formidable challenge from the Hebrew University, to whom they lost a fortnight ago in the league's grand finale — though still winning the championship by virtue of a superior points-difference to the Jerusalemites.

Finnish Minister due

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Defence of Finland, Ingvar S. Melin, arrives in Israel today in the course of a tour of the Finnish contingents serving with the UN forces in the Middle East. During his three-day stay in Israel he will meet Defence Minister Shimon Peres and the chief coordinator of UN forces in the Middle East, Lt. Gen. Eino Siltaavu, who is from Finland.

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'Beware of old hens passing as young chicks'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The largest consumer organizations yesterday warned the public to beware of unscrupulous merchants who are overcharging for frozen chickens.

At a press conference held yesterday, Ada Gilan, head of the Histadrut's Central Consumer Authority, and Maya Tabori, head of the Consumer Council, said that many instances of higher (or cheaper) frozen chickens are being sold at prices which should be charged for the smaller (and older) chickens.

The official prices for frozen chickens are as follows: No. 1 — 1.400 kg. — IL13.40 per kg. No. 2 — 1.401 to 1.600 kg. — IL12.20; and No. 3 — the large size, about two kilos — IL11.50 kilo. (Fryer-roasters are distinguished from stewing birds only by weight.)

Violations of these official prices should be reported to either one of the two consumer organizations to the Poultry Marketing Board.

Labour congress set, Histadrut elections unsure

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party convention will be held some time between October 20 and 25, a Leadership Bureau decided yesterday.

The voters' list will be closed September 15, and voting will, according to an amended constitution, which the Central Committee is expected to approve at a special session on April 8.

Secretary-General Meir Zaid suggested that negotiations in Japan be conducted by the Alignment Executive, to which Foreign Minister Rabin, Finance Minister Rabinowitz and Knesset Speaker Yehoshua Rabinowitz would be added. It also approved the political executive list of Ezer, which Abba Eban heads.

Mapam, meanwhile, insists holding the Histadrut elections time — that is, shortly before general elections. This was confirmed by the Mapam secretary yesterday. The issue will come up in the Histadrut Council April 1. Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meisel wants elections postponed until after general elections. But he must support of two-thirds of the council members to pass the motion.
In the past, the Histadrut elections were considered a sort of dress rehearsal for the Knesset polls, and fought mainly on the same party lines (except for religious parties, which are represented in the Histadrut).
Observers add that the economic situation early next year is expected to improve in a way which would give the Alignment, at present the leading power in the Histadrut, the net superiority it is accustomed to.

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Hotel guard died of heart failure

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA — Heart failure was definitely established as the cause of death of the Park Hotel's watchman, Yosef Tusk, who was found dead Wednesday on the premises of the hotel which was gutted by the Saturday night fire. The autopsy turned up no signs of foul play.

It had been suspected that the watchman, who was the only witness at the hotel when the fire began Saturday morning, was the victim of violence. The fire was determined to be arson, and four persons perished in it.

But a police official told *The Jerusalem Post* that, despite the autopsy findings, "additional possibilities" connected with the death are being investigated.

Meanwhile, the police released from custody three of the nine suspects held in the case so far, and arrested a tenth suspect. The three released were all Arab employees of the hotel — two Israelis and one from the West Bank — who had passed lie-detector tests and been cleared of any connection to the fire.

The tenth suspect, aged 38, was identified by police; but they said that he appeared to be "not all there." The decision whether to request his remand will be made after he is interrogated, they said.

Nurses want to be nurses, not cooks

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ICHON — The country's nurses yesterday demanded to be relieved of secretarial, cooking and sundry chores in order to devote themselves to giving better medical treatment.

At the conclusion of the three-day Nurses Union convention here, for Brautbar, a nurse, said that because of a shortage of nurses, they had to concentrate on more serious cases at the expense of others also requiring attention.

The shortage is expected to continue. Some 1,250 additional nurses are needed every year; but on the basis of enrollment in nursing schools, union secretary Sara Golak estimated only 400 would join the profession. She said hospitals and new departments had not opened because of the shortage.

The union also asked for increased wages and fringe benefits. One of the problems cited by the nurses was caring for their children while they are on duty. Health Minister Victor Shmuni said that creches would be arranged in hospitals.

Negev scientists patenting new fire extinguisher

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BERSHEBA — A new system of automatic fire extinguishing has been developed by scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, using a non-toxic foam gas under compression.

The gas is contained in small tanks, equipped with a sensor mechanism which can distinguish between the heat and light from fire and those from an electric light source, for example. It has been found that quantities of the foam gas are sufficient for putting out fires, both by cooling the temperatures.

The university's Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Department had already applied for a patent.

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National Insurance dues to increase by 2 per cent

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Payments to the National Insurance Institute will increase by two per cent and not by 1.1 per cent, following an agreement reached yesterday between the Finance Minister, the Minister of Labour and the Histadrut.

According to the agreement, the worker will pay an additional 0.7 per cent and his employer 1.3 per cent more. The increase for workers will amount to IL16 for a salary of IL1,500 per month, IL14 for IL2,000 per month, and IL7 for incomes of more than IL4,900 per month.

Yesterday's meeting also included representatives of the private employers, headed by Avraham Shavit, who was asked to agree to increase the employers' contribution by 0.7 per cent. Shavit strongly opposed this demand, saying that this, together with the employers' increased contribution to national insurance — would raise the wage bill by two per cent.

The Government and the Histadrut had asked for this increase to make up a third of the IL600m. deficit in the budget of Kupan Holim. The remainder will be found in a IL200m. bank loan (guaranteed by the Government) and by charging IL1 for each prescription and increasing the employees' memberships dues.

However, in light of Shavit's opposition, no decision was taken yesterday on this issue. The Histadrut and the employers are expected to meet next week to finalize an agreement.

The National Insurance Institute's council is also expected to meet next week to reverse its decision to increase the premiums by only 1.1 per cent. The council is expected to approve yesterday's agreement to increase the premiums by two per cent.

Trains will run today, railwaymen agree

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — A shut-down of the railways for four hours today was averted when workers agreed yesterday to the Transport Minister's request to refrain from the shop meetings they had called, to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The workers called the shop meetings a disguised form of strike — to discuss their demands for "specific allowances," which they feel they are entitled to get as do other civil servants.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi agreed that the railway workers were "in the same category as other civil servants who did not get specific allowances in the past," and said their case would be considered together with the others.

Ya'acobi, visiting the Israel Railway headquarters, talked to reporters about other transport issues as well. He said the Government would spend IL50m. on railway development projects this year, mainly to promote the Eilat railway project, with IL22m. of the sum being put up by the Negev Phosphate Company. In addition, the money freed by cancellation of a contract for 10 new rail cars from the Fiat company would be used to improve the existing services and safety conditions.

He said he has submitted proposals to the Government to give the shipping and aviation industries similar returns on dollars earned to those obtained for exporters.

Truckers urged not to hold warning strike

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA — Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday again urged the nation's truckers to reconsider the one-day warning strike they have called for Sunday.

The truckers are feeling the economic squeeze, as imports have slumped 30 per cent and construction cuts have reduced their business. Ya'acobi told reporters during a visit to Israel Railway headquarters here. But their strike is an action against themselves, he added.

The truckers should look to themselves for answers, rather than expect the Government to bail them out. During the next five years, Ya'acobi said, Israel's haulage will grow by 30 per cent, from the current 100 million tons to 130 million tons per year. But the Government has taken steps to aid the truckers — it has put up one-third of a new IL45m. working capital fund, and has halted imports of new trucks.

The truckers themselves, he said, have to streamline their operation into more efficient, larger units and develop more initiative.

Ya'acobi said similar things to the truckers when he met with them on Wednesday night, but apparently to no avail. A trucking company official who took part in that meeting said "Ya'acobi's promises were a little too late." No trucker today can afford, at current haulage rates, to save up enough to buy a new replacement truck, which costs between IL200,000 and IL500,000.

"Because of the shortage in trucks during the Yom Kippur War, 3,500 trucks were imported. The market is now glutted and there is not enough work for all the trucks, and so it is difficult to raise haulage prices. Our industry, which up to now supported itself quite well, will become a subsidized and ailing branch, as public transport is today," he said.

Lebanese priest, boy had surgery at Safad hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA — A Maronite priest who crossed from Lebanon into Israel last week underwent an intestinal operation at Safad Hospital in Safad this week.

His name and village of origin were not disclosed. He reportedly sought help because he could not get medical attention in Lebanon.

The priest's case was the second in the hospital this week. Earlier, doctors there operated on and saved the sight in an eight-year-old Lebanese boy's eye. The boy, injured in a scuffle with his brother, was also brought to the border by his parents because they could not obtain medical aid in Lebanon.

A 85-year-old Maronite woman gave birth to a boy at Safad Hospital last week, after being treated for complications of her pregnancy. Maronite villagers in Galilee, meanwhile, told newsmen yesterday they feared for the lives of their several thousand coreligionists in Lebanon. Many of them stay constantly tuned in to Lebanon's radio stations, especially the Phalangist station supporting Pierre Jemayyel. Some of them recorded his speech on Wednesday, calling on his men to fight to the bitter end, and later played the message back to other residents in their villages. They called Jemayyel's speech — which they thought might be one of the last he would be able to make — "an historic document of the Maronites' destruction."

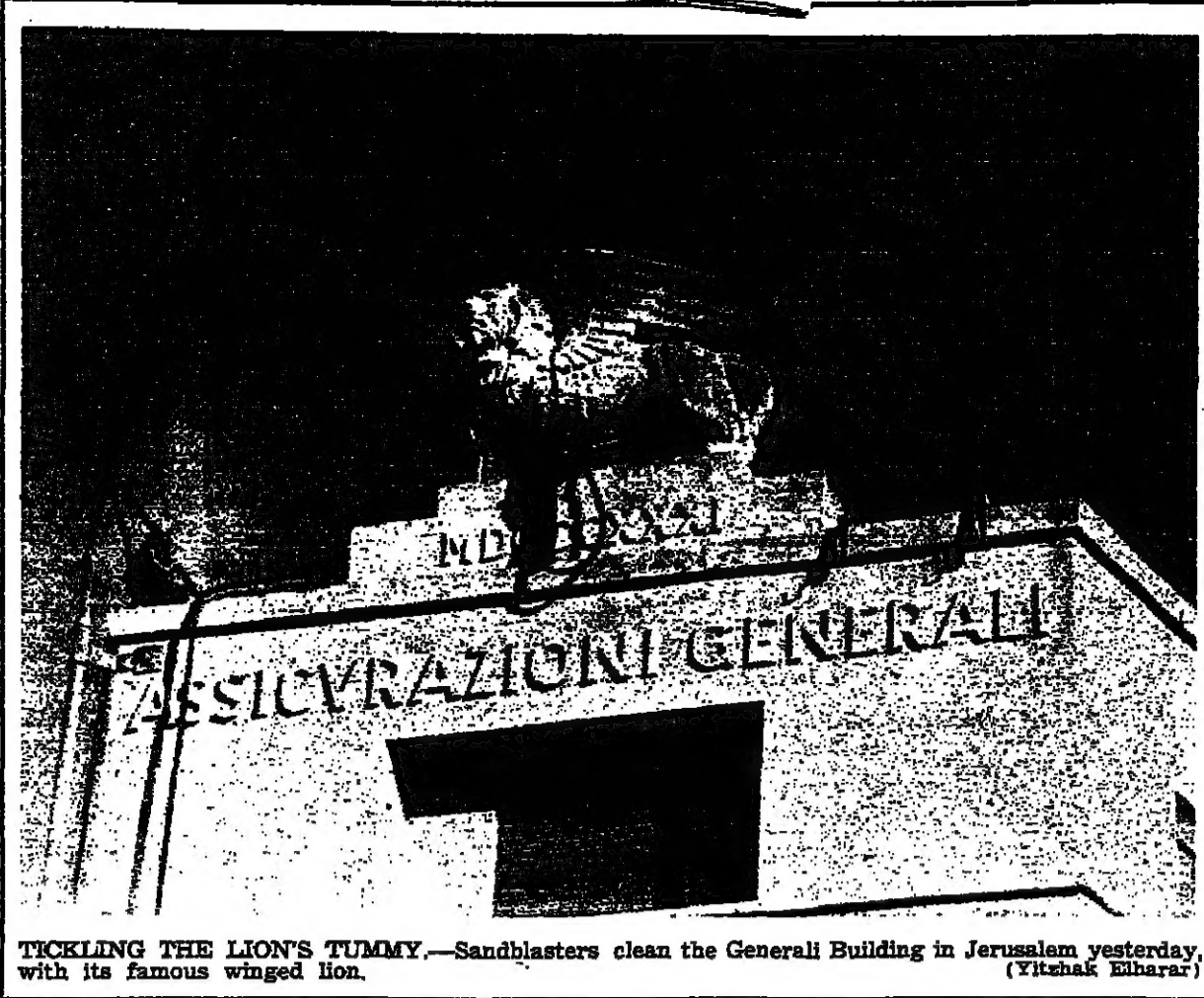
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U.S. colonel proposes total withdrawal for demilitarization

(Continued from page 1)
do research at the council on Foreign Relations. "Neither the Department of Defense nor any agency of the U.S. Government bears any responsibility for the opinions expressed herein, which are entirely those of the author," is the standard waiver the Pentagon insists accompany the lengthy article, written by Colonel Merrill A. McPeak. Nevertheless, most Washington observers would agree that the views expressed by McPeak have a wide following not only in the Pentagon but in the State Department and the White House as well.

McPeak's analysis is rather simple. Israel, from a strictly security point of view, would be better off returning to the pre-1967 armistice lines as long as Egypt, Syria and Jordan or a Palestinian entity — agreed to total demilitarization. "The way out of this dilemma is for the parties to accept in advance a formula of total return and total demilitarization," McPeak says. "By agreeing to total return, Israel would accept the reassertion of authority by Arab governments in all of the occupied territories. By consenting to total demilitarization, Arab governments would accept limitations on their authority in the returned areas, limitations aimed at safeguarding Israel's security."

In arguing for such a scheme, the author maintains that Israel would not be giving up any real security interests, even if full peace agreements and total normalization of relations did not accompany the withdrawal. He therefore concludes: "A comprehensive settlement would call for the Arabs to make far-reaching, but largely intangible concessions — in particular, to recognize Israel and normalize relations. In extracting these concessions, it is territory return which constitutes Israel's chief bargaining counter. But the suggestion here is that, insofar as security is concerned, what Israel requires in exchange for territory is demilitarization. Following an overall settlement in which Israel trades territory for Arab pledges to end belligerency, obstacles to normalization are sure to crop up. Renewed tension is a believable forecast. Having given up cash for credit, Israel is likely to feel betrayed if relations subsequently deteriorate. But it need not feel threatened, provided only that returned territories are demilitarized."

McPeak insists that Israel has not gained anything by holding on to the territories. Through lengthy explanations, he attempts to show how all of the territories — Sinai, the West Bank and even the Golan Heights — can be seen as liabilities, rather than security assets.

He maintains that Syria can still shell Israeli settlements in the Hula Valley with the short-range missiles it has received from the Soviet Union. McPeak says that any security advantage the Golan Heights might have held for Israel disappeared as soon as Israel agreed to establish civilian settlements in the region.

"The principal strategic justification for retaining the Golan has been that it constitutes a geographic cushion, outside Israel, in which a Syrian attack could be halted. They called Jemayyel's speech — which they thought might be one of the last he would be able to make — "an historic document of the Maronites' destruction."

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Avneri stabbing suspect's trial suspended again

TEL AVIV — The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday halted proceedings against Eli Galil, accused of the attempted murder of "Ha'olam Hazeh" editor Uri Avneri, after defence counsel changed his mind about his earlier request to have him stand trial.

Galil, who allegedly stabbed and wounded Avneri outside his apartment door last December, was pronounced unfit to stand trial on January 15 and committed to a mental institution. In an unprecedented step, his lawyer, Yigal Hakak, asked the court to continue with the trial in the defendant's absence — a procedure which is legal but seldom practised.

The court acceded, and the hearings were due to resume yesterday. But Mr. Hakak told the court that he was withdrawing his request since he found it impossible to conduct a defence without being able to communicate properly with his client.

The prosecution has the option of renewing charges against a mentally ill patient after he is cured and discharged from hospital.

Murder suspect given time to set wedding date

TEL AVIV — A local magistrate yesterday granted permission to a murder suspect to go to the Rabinat — under police escort — to make arrangements for his coming marriage.

The permission was granted following a request from Zvi Lidsky, attorney for Zion Ben-Simon, who according to the police has confessed to the murder of 18-year-old Claude Elbaz in the Jaffa flea market earlier this month. Judge Haim Eliaz also ordered Ben-Simon remanded for an additional 15 days.

Three others suspected of being involved in the murder — David Deri, Sarah Puri and Zion's brother Yehuda — were yesterday ordered released on IL 2,500 bail each.

Police said at the first remand hearing on March 11 that Elbaz's murder was prompted by an attempt by a member of his family to rape a sister of the Ben-Simon brothers. (Him)

TRAIN SCHEDULES for Saturday nights will be moved ahead one hour starting tomorrow — which means passenger trains will depart from Tel Aviv at 8:05 p.m., and from Haifa at 8 p.m. These trains make all local stops.

ALTHOUGH MOSHE DAYAN'S newspaper "Ha'olam Hazeh" has not yet begun publishing, its Tel Aviv offices have been burgled — thieves got away with two lighters and IL650 in cash on Monday night.

OPEN LETTER To The Prime Minister

The undersigned, who are of various political opinions and party affiliations, wish to bring the following to the attention of the Prime Minister:

1. The Government has given an undertaking to the people and the Knesset that it would resolve the issue of illegal settlement in Samaria (Eilon Moreh) within 2-3 months of the transfer of the "settlers" to the Kaddum Army Camp.
2. This three month period is coming to an end, and we now await the debate promised by the Government on the issue: we demand that the law now be implemented, and that the Gush Etzion "settlers" be evicted from Kaddum Camp and the Samaria district.
3. The credibility and authority of the Government in its handling of domestic affairs, and its ability to take and pursue political initiatives, based on territorial compromise, will be judged in the light of its actions on this issue.

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Soviets 'making deal' with West on Angola

LONDON. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday denied as "fairy tales" reports that the Soviet Union plans to intervene in Rhodesia or Namibia. But he did say a deal with the West on Angola is "in the making." He refused to expand on this comment. A British Foreign Office spokesman also refused comment.

At a Soviet Embassy news conference ending three days of talks with the British Government, Gromyko spoke in Russian to about 60 invited newsmen for 45 minutes. His remarks were quickly translated into English. He then flew back to Moscow.

Diplomatic informants said his comment may have referred to British efforts behind the scenes to make a deal under which the Soviets would undertake not to intervene in Rhodesia or Namibia in exchange for withdrawal of all remaining South African troops from Angola.

A 1,500-word joint communiqué published after the talks said merely "there was an exchange of views on the situation in Southern Africa, in the course of which the two sides set out their respective positions."

The rest of the communiqué consisted mainly of a blandly worded statement of the desire of the two countries for closer political, economic, cultural and scientific cooperation.

Pressed about possible future Soviet intervention in Southern Africa, Gromyko said, "The Soviet Union is frequently referred to in connection with Rhodesia and Namibia. But the Soviet Union has nothing to do with either of these areas. We see them on the map of Africa, but we have nothing whatever to do with them."

With regard to Angola he said, "we expressed our belief that this can be resolved constructively, given

certain conditions and given the desire of the parties directly concerned. Something of the sort is in the making, but I do not want to go into details now."

Gromyko was asked to comment on U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's warning to Cuba not to intervene further in Africa. "The Cuban leadership did not ask me to discuss any questions relating to Cuba and the Cuban leadership has made its own comment," he said sharply. "But as for these warnings and statements, I can only say the less there were of such warnings, the better it would be."

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Mark Segal adds: Britain and the Soviet Union "expressed their deep concern at the continuing dangerous situation in the Middle East," in the joint Anglo-Soviet communiqué. They also said that they "again underlined the necessity for the early achievement of a just and lasting political settlement in the area."

It is understood that Premier Wilson was asked by Foreign Minister Allon, during his recent visit here, to press home to Gromyko the seriousness with which Israel regards Syrian intentions over non-renewal of the UNDOF mandate.

The communiqué refers to "the important role" played by the Helsinki conference and "reaffirmed their resolve to implement fully all the provisions of the final act of the conference." It is hoped by the Jewish community in Britain that this includes the right to freedom of movement of Soviet Jews, an element which was highlighted by Premier Wilson at the Helsinki conference. It is learned that quiet approaches were made to the Russians on this issue in the course of the Gromyko visit.

Israel recognises Argentine regime

Israel has recognised the new regime in Argentina. It was announced yesterday.

The decision was conveyed to Argentine Charge d'Affaires Juan B. Portela Pico by the Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry, Ephraim Evron, at a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday.

Portela outlined the programme of the new government and reported that it would honour all of its international obligations. He expressed the hope that the good relations between Israel and Argentina would continue.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reports that military rule in Argentina has begun with restrictive decrees but no indication of what the three-man junta plans to do about the bankrupt economy.

After sending President Isabel Peron off to house arrest in southern Argentina early Wednesday, the commanders of the army, navy and air force issued decrees suspending political parties and labour unions, setting up "special war councils" to judge subversion cases and imposing censorship on the Argentine press.

The junta, which is headed by the 50-year-old army commander, General Jorge Videla, said it was banning political activity "while the process is carried out for the recuperation of the state in all its levels and functions."

Schools, theatres and public offices were closed, but stores and restaurants were open. There was no curfew. The junta said the country was calm and completely under its control, with military officers taking over the municipal and provincial governments.

War in Rhodesia 'only way out'

LUSAKA, Zambia. — A meeting of four African heads of state held here to discuss the Rhodesian situation, ended yesterday without making any of its decisions public.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana and Mozambique leader Samora Machel returned to their respective capitals after a day of talks.

Zambian Government sources said earlier the meeting, called by Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda, would decide whether or not to back increased guerrilla warfare in Rhodesia.

The discussions were attended by Joshua Nkomo, leader of the moderate wing of Rhodesia's African National Council (ANC) and Mozambique-based Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who heads the ANC's militant faction.

U.S. protests bomb threat at Moscow embassy

MOSCOW. — A bomb threat forced the partial evacuation of the U.S. embassy here yesterday, apparently part of a growing retaliatory campaign sparked by attacks on Soviet officials in the U.S. An embassy spokesman said after a search of the nine-story building in downtown Moscow that no bomb was found.

The spokesman said an anonymous caller speaking fluent unaccented English had telephoned the U.S. Marine Corps guard at the embassy at midday and warned a bomb would explode several minutes later on the building's first floor.

The U.S. embassy charged in a formal protest that a string of threatening, middle-of-the-night phone calls to embassy employees and yesterday's bomb threat were part of a campaign encouraged and supported by official Soviet bodies.

In three formal protests to the Americans since February 28, the Soviet Foreign Ministry has claimed that American "hooligans" and "Zionists" are getting off scot-free after demonstrations and violent incidents at Soviet establishments in New York.

'Al-Ahram' urges Egypt not to pay debts to Russia

CAIRO. — The semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" yesterday urged the Egyptian Government to suspend repayment of its massive debts to the Soviet Union.

The paper said the suspension should remain in force "until that country changes its hostility towards Egypt."

It added: "Since Moscow has failed to honour its commitments to Egypt by refusing to supply it with spare parts for Soviet-built industries, which is tantamount to deception and fraud, Egypt should suspend payment of debts and claim compensation."

It said Soviet refusal to allow India to supply spare parts for weapons supplied to Egypt by the Soviet Union, was sufficient proof of Moscow's "bad intentions... international law gives us the right to suspend payment of debts and claim compensation for the subsequent damage."

Joshua Nkomo told reporters on his arrival in Lusaka: "guerrilla war is the only way out."

The meeting was called by Kaunda after the collapse of constitutional talks between Nkomo and Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith last week. The two men failed to agree on a timetable for handing over the minority-rule white government to the 6.5 million black population.

Nationalist sources in the Rhodesian capital estimate at least 16,000 guerrillas are being trained for infiltration into Rhodesia, and since the beginning of the year incursions have been increased.

But Rhodesian security forces spokesmen say that they can handle escalated guerrilla warfare and that in the past three months more than 100 guerrillas have died in border skirmishes for the loss of about 20 Rhodesian soldiers and policemen.

Washington intelligence specialists, meanwhile, say the white government in Rhodesia cannot survive a guerrilla war even if Cuba doesn't intervene on the side of the Africans. The specialists also say there appears no alternative to war in Rhodesia as long as Prime Minister Ian Smith keeps power, unless he suddenly reverses his position on white political supremacy.

But a South West Africa. The work is not yet completed. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

House, Senate will meet to decide on Israel aid

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A House-Senate conference committee will meet early next week to work out differences in their respective foreign aid appropriations bills including the question of additional funding during this year's transition quarter.

The conference committee will be urged by Senate members, including the powerful chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), to accept the Senate version, which approved the funding. The House version did not include it.

The Senate passed the appropriations bill on Tuesday evening by a vote of 52 to 31. The accompanying authorization bill has already been approved.

For Israel, the question of the extra funding for the fifth quarter, from July 1 through Sept. 30, is crucial because it can mean an extra \$550m. this year in military and economic aid. The Administration, which has been unhelpful in winning approval for the extra funding, will probably allocate the money if approved by Congress.

In another development, Sen. Clifford Case (R-N.J.) yesterday indicated stiff resistance in the Senate to the Administration's expected sale of six C-130 troop transport aircraft to Egypt.

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Communist threats to world peace bear out the truism that toleration of the tiger can only lead to disaster," the 65-year-old Premier said in his latest major policy speech to the Legislative Yuan (Parliament). Chiang re-emphasized Taiwan's strong opposition to U.S. dealings with the People's Republic of China, which was also stated when President Ford visited Peking last November.

Top officials here viewed former President Nixon's controversial private visit to Peking last month as also demonstrating China's intention to undermine the U.S. detente policy and to put the Kremlin in doubt about it.

The late Nationalist President's unbending anti-Communist stand on this island bastion across the Taiwan Straits from the Communist mainland of China remains as uncompromising under his son, Premier Chiang Ching-kuo.

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Around the world

Ball raps K's methods

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania. — Former Under-Secretary of State George Ball has accused Secretary of State Kissinger of turning U.S. ambassadors into "briefcase carriers" and setting back diplomatic practice by 300 years.

Ball, who served under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, said "the whole foreign policy apparatus" has become useless as a result of Dr. Kissinger's methods. He was making a speech at Lehigh University here.

15 million Italians strike

ROME. — More than 15 million Italians went on strike yesterday against government austerity measures featuring higher taxes and to press for the conclusion of major labour contracts. Most of the strikers, mainly in industry, state employees, schools, shops and banks, have held four-hour walkouts.

The unions want the government's tax programme to be replaced with investments to secure jobs, boost industrial production and a half inflation. They have demanded stiff measures against tax evasion with a check, one by one, of the income of big industrialists and businessmen.

Ford wants swine flu vaccine

WASHINGTON. — President Ford wants every American inoculated in the autumn against an influenza virus which killed 20 million people in a worldwide epidemic in 1918.

He has asked Congress for \$135m. so that orders could be placed with drug companies now for production of a vaccine for the swine flu virus. The President made the appeal after conferring with leading scientists to discuss an outbreak of swine influenza among a dozen army recruits at Fort Dix, New Jersey, last month. (Reuter)

Rats feeding on rice

MANILA. — Rats have eaten about five per cent of the Philippine rice crop this season, but there is no danger of a shortage because the harvest was a record, Agriculture Secretary Arturo Tanco said yesterday.

A government programme using anticoagulant poisons is starting to kill the rats, which on some farms were found in concentrations of 3,500 per hectare and destroyed 80 per cent of the rice on Tanco said in an interview.

U.S. firm drops Iran Air

NEW YORK. — The U.S. public relations firm that employed wife of Sen. Jacob Javits to handle an account with the Iran National Airlines has resigned the account. Ruder and Finn, which lost the services of Mrs. Marion Javits in a dispute over control of interest with her husband's work, said it had dropped the Iran account because it found that "public feeling and controversy surrounding our work for Iran National Airlines has made our work exceedingly difficult."

The company's chairman, David Finn, said the decision to drop the account was made without any pressure from Iran Air.

Nureyev wants to see mother

LONDON. — Russian ballet star Rudolf Nureyev has appealed the British Government to help him arrange a reunion with his mother whom he has not seen for 15 years, government sources said. The dancer, who defected to the West in 1961, has asked Prime Minister Wilson to use his influence with Soviet authorities to arrange for his mother, Farida Nureyeva, now in her 70s, to be allowed out of the Soviet Union.

Nureyev has kept in touch with his mother and sisters in Leningrad by telephone for some years, friends said, but his mother has moved to a remote district east of the Urals and it is difficult for them to maintain contact.

Monroe 'hooked on sex'

NEW YORK. — Marilyn Monroe said in an interview shortly before her death 14 years ago that she was hooked on sex like a drug addict, but the status of being a Hollywood sex goddess was too much of a strain. The April issue of "Ladies Home Journal" quotes Marilyn saying: "My body turned all these people on like turning on a light, and there was so rarely anything human in it. Marilyn, who died from an overdose of sleeping pills in August 1962, said: "Being Marilyn Monroe became a burden — an albatross. People expected so much of me that I sometimes hated them. It was too much of a strain."

going to have any dealings with the Chinese Communist regime said Vice-Foreign Minister Feng Chen.

The suave, Yale-educated, 40-year-old Chen is widely regarded here as a rising star in the Nationalist leadership but his outlook does not appear to diverge in detail from the rigid, no-compromise stand of the elderly echelons of the ruling Kuomintang Party and the government hierarchy. So, in the second half of this decade, and possibly even into the next century, detente for Taiwan remains the very opposite of all that well.

Premier Chiang, like his fall before him, continues to fulminate against Peking, and to declare that "to recover the mainland and to rate the people is our sacred duty and our unchanging national policy."

Against the detente

It was regarded here, too, as a reminder to Washington that Peking wanted full normalisation of relations, and as a chance to expose the newly-emerged acting Premier, Hua Kuo-feng, to the outside world.

The leadership question in Peking is clearly followed with keen interest by officials in Taiwan, who interpret it as an inevitable power struggle inherent in a Communist system which is such an anathema to them. But one thing is certain: the emergence of any new leaders in Peking would in no way alter Taiwan's resolve to eschew any form of dialogue with the mainland.

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Women go on a voyage of discovery

By JOANNA YEHEIEL



Miriam Iron, left, Nitzia Bluminger, Ruth Wider, Barara B'k'r and Gaby Lev.

FIVE WOMEN are in the play, "Women about Women," a group which goes through a journey of discovery of themselves, during which the audience, male and female, also discovers a lot about themselves.

It begins on the easiest level, the level of childhood, recalling those moments when a child's own individual personality is buried under "should" and "don't." "How dirty you've got yourself — like a boy," says the mother. "You're a girl," she tells the child who, at that moment, was neither girl nor boy, but the towel she had been imagining she was.

Other times are evoked and re-created, moments common to most women. Being measured for one's first bra, surrounded by pinching, fumbling saleswomen; how they stared (or perhaps one only felt they were staring). Making up for one's first party. The agony of waiting to be chosen by some boy out of the line of waitresses... and being the only girl never asked. Learning to flirt. And learning to please and to smile... and the bitchiness of other girls, the pressure put on one by other women to marry, quickly, before it is too late.

So it builds up, until the five women turn upon themselves in a cacophony of shouting, screaming, whispering... and suddenly they stop to ask: "Why are we doing this to ourselves?" It is a time of breakthrough, and during the slow scene that follows, in which all five move together in an organic dance of love, one really wonders, yes, why?

THIS IS A play that came out of talking. Originally, 10 women got together, with the idea of expressing their experiences in some creative way. That it should take the form of a play only came later. They talked, they acted out their experiences, and soon the thing began to tell.

The play begins with one of the women telling the audience "We didn't come only to act for you — we came here to understand together what's really important for us to say."

This, says Miriam Iron, the originator of the whole thing, tells the people watching that the process of the work on the play, and the acting now happening, is all a part of the play itself. It is still growing.

"Building the show was part of the message — of getting to meet, exchanging ideas, accepting our differences and understanding that there is no one woman, each is different, at a different stage of her life, in a different situation, which is seen from a different aspect. So there is no good or bad."

"What we had in common was that all of us felt that to fulfill ourselves as human beings and to fulfill our potential, demands from us some growth."

The five compared their experiences, with parents, upbringing, education, boyfriends, and realized that women suffer from all this, often without realizing it. "We compared, and looked for those things in our lives that had held us back."

Then, they dealt with the central point: what is to be a woman? Each of them surveyed it from where she is now... and that is how it comes over in the play itself.

Ruthie Wider, for example, is working on the "natural" part of herself. She feels connected to natural laws, she identifies with many women who lived before her, and those who will come after.

Miriam says she talks about the

sensual side of women, feeling things through her body, trying to reconcile this with her mind.

Gaby Lev is the young married woman, and in the play one understands her dilemma. She has her own choice deliberately limited herself to her home, to serving her husband. When she asks him for help, he says she must do it herself — and he is right. Now she is in the process of working this out for herself.

Barbara B'k'r is in the middle of getting a divorce. Although her situation is basically a bad one, she comes out very strongly in the show. She has a feeling that although she doesn't know if she can help him, she can help herself.

Rachael Ravid (who came late to the show, bringing her own experience and material with her, replacing Nitzia Bluminger) is from a kibbutz; she left when she found there was still so much she wanted to do with her life outside the communal life. It took a good deal of introspection to reconcile the pressures of her child and those put on her by the kibbutz with her own personal needs.

"Each person was like a piece of olive wood, turned by a craftsman, to reveal new aspects and richness," Miriam expressed it.

DURING THE TIME the show has been on the road (it began last August, and there have been performances once or twice a week all round the country since then), it has changed a lot. When I first saw it, in the Jerusalem Theatre, it was a magical piece of pillars, shadows and dust) the whole thing was new, with a lot of rough edges, and the passion and often anger showed through, sometimes all too clearly.

But since then, the performers have changed in their own lives, and the shape of the play has altered too. For example, there is a scene in which a long sausage pillow becomes different things to different women — a baby to one, a penis to another, and to Barbara, her husband. Six months ago, Barbara showed how from a loving friend, the doll-pillow husband became less and less of a person, until in anger, she began to hit it, in a violent and private scene. Last week, (at the Pargod Theatre,) the husband had become an increasingly heavy burden, which she carries around on her back, until at last she throws him off, to stand up-right again.

One might imagine that the show would be embarrassing for an audience, male or female. But in fact, in tours around absorption centres (the play is in quite simple Hebrew), kibbutzim and Wizo centres, the response has been one of excitement and interest.

Miriam said she was surprised how different kinds of women were touched by the play. (At the end, the group comes into the audience to talk, as it does several times during the course of the show, and it always finds people who want to discuss some point they had made. They have been asked back by some groups to tell how the play came into being.)

"Women" has no producer or director and all the organization, lighting, music, props, slides — has been done by the five actors, and two other members of the group — Jackie Lubat and Anne Sharon. What has it given them? "It's given us the knowledge that women can do more than they think. They don't always have to feel that they can't do this or that."

MUSIC REVIEW / YOHANAN BOEHM

Tribute to Ben-Haim

"Portrait of a Composer" — Paul Ben-Haim, presented by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Sidney Harth conducting; Uri Wiesel, cello; Paula Salzman, piano — Charles Friedberg by J. Bach, arch. by P. Ben-Haim; Concerto for Cello; Capriccio for Piano; Symphony No. 1 (Jerusalem Theatre — March 23).

IT IS A GOOD SIGN of our growing cultural maturity that the idea of including an Israeli in the "Portrait of a Composer" series was so highly successful. There was a large audience, they listened intently and applauded warmly. Above all, conductor and orchestra approached their task with respect and full identification and brought to all the works a performance of high level. The evening was transformed into a veritable tribute to composer Ben-Haim who, though ill, was sent in the hall and was able to see that his music has an honoured place in the development of Israeli music.

Sidney Harth led the orchestra in a beautifully balanced reading of the Choral Prelude which showed Paul Ben-Haim as a master of orchestration and impeccable taste. Not everything was clear and precise in the accompaniment to the Cello Concerto, but Uri Wiesel's intimate knowledge of the work and his fine musicianship carried the music along impressively. The other

solist, Paula Salzman, gave an outstanding performance of the "Capriccio," which had obviously been written for her (and which she played with the IPO during its American tour); the part fitted her marvellously, and I have never heard her more dedicated or more convincing than on this occasion.

After the two concertos, the programme presented the master's First Symphony of 1939/40. Obviously influenced by the outbreak of World War Two and the collapse of France though not intended to describe programmatic details, this symphony is perhaps Mr. Ben-Haim's strongest composition. Its dramatic language, strong themes, dynamic energy and drive in the outer movements is sensitively contrasted by a moving, meditative slow intermezzo. The score is almost like a Concerto for Orchestra (a work description which became fashionable later) as it often demands great virtuosity in the strings and brilliance in the woodwind and brass. Sidney Harth brought all this out in an impeccable manner and led the musicians through an excellent performance which could hardly have been bettered. A heart-warming event in many respects.

A warning on sex hormone drug

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last week advised physicians that sex hormones prescribed for millions of American women may greatly increase their risk of cancer.

In a new "Drug Bulletin" sent periodically to 600,000 doctors and other health professionals, the FDA recommended that estragens be administered at the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible time.

The risk of cancer of the endometrium, or lining of the uterus, apparently increases with the length of time that estragens are taken and the dosage of the drug, the FDA said. The agency said it is in the process of

relabeling the hormones "to clarify the indications for post-menopausal estrogens, to provide full warning of the risk of endometrial cancer, and to state the treatment regimen that appears likely to be least hazardous."

As is now the case with oral contraceptives, the labeling will include a patient package insert to inform women of the possible risk of cancer before they decide to take them.

The drug bulletin recounted evidence in four recent studies, previously reported, showing that women who take estrogens appear to run a much greater risk of endometrial cancer. (AP)

Monty — a personal recollection

By Rabbi Dr. L.I. RABINOWITZ



STAMP COLUMN / HARVEY D. WOLINETZ

The Zionist counter-attack

By HARVEY D. WOLINETZ

AS AN EXPRESSION of their solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people, and in protest at the latest anti-Semitic and anti-Zionistic attacks, many Danes have begun to stick special labels on their envelopes. It proclaims in five languages Israel's right to exist and shows clasped hands in the centre of a Magen David. The hands and the Magen David are blue on a white background, in keeping with Israel's national colours.

The Jewish National Fund also decided to answer the challenge of the libellous anti-Semitic campaign in a similar vein and has released a stamp of its own. The Zion Renewed Stamp, designed by E.M. Lillen, is based on the design of the first JNF stamp issued 70 years ago. The new series of five stamps differs from the first issue by the addition of the quotation from the Book of Isaiah: "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace." Each stamp carries the affirmation in Hebrew, as well as one of the following foreign languages: English, French, Russian, Spanish or German.



Stickers have been issued by the JNF in many languages for their supporters to identify with Zionism. (Israel Sun)

As with the original issue, the JNF is calling on its supporters around the world to demonstrate their identification with Zionism by attaching one of these new stamps to every letter, postcard or package they dispatch. To this end, the JNF is distributing tens of thousands of the Zion Renewed stamp to its offices all over the world and is doing its utmost to ensure that it reaches individuals, private and public institutions, business enterprises, student organizations etc., so that every Jew and every friend of Israel the world over can use it. It is the hope of the JNF that "the distribution of this stamp will prove to ourselves, to our friends and to our enemies that 'for Zion's sake I will not hold my peace.'"

Another reaction to the anti-Zionist propaganda attack was indicated by the special postal cancellation used in honour of the 4th National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation, which was held in Jerusalem as a demonstration of solidarity with Israel, instead of in Canada as originally planned.



Defence Minister Shimon Peres addressing the opening session yesterday of the Board of Directors of the French United Jewish Appeal. The board meetings are the first ever to be held in Israel. From left: Mr. Peres, Michel Topiol, president of the Board of Directors of the U.J.A. of France, and Israel's Ambassador to France, Mordechai Gazit.

Strange sounds from Lennon

SOMEONE MUST be short of money. Otherwise, it's hard to imagine why anyone would want the collection of John Lennon's greatest hits which has just been released. Shaved Fish (Emi Records PCS 712) features two sides of John and Yoko moaning and groaning their way through your favourite Lennon tracks — "Give Peace a Chance," "Imagine," "Whatever Gets You Through the Night," etc. If you do like him, you probably have them all on other records; if you don't, why buy this one?

WILL George Harrison never give up? Extra Texture (Read All About

It) (Emi Records PAS 30009); his latest, is reminiscent of his last album, "Dark Horse," which was reminiscent of the one before that, which was reminiscent... There's even a track, called "This Guitar (Can't Keep From Crying)," which is virtually a remake of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" — the old Beatles song from the White Album. George has assembled some big guns on this disc — Leon Russell on piano, Klaus Voormann on bass, to mention a few — but it's using a sledgehammer to crack a peanut. Someone should wrap his electric guitar round his neck. (B.E.)

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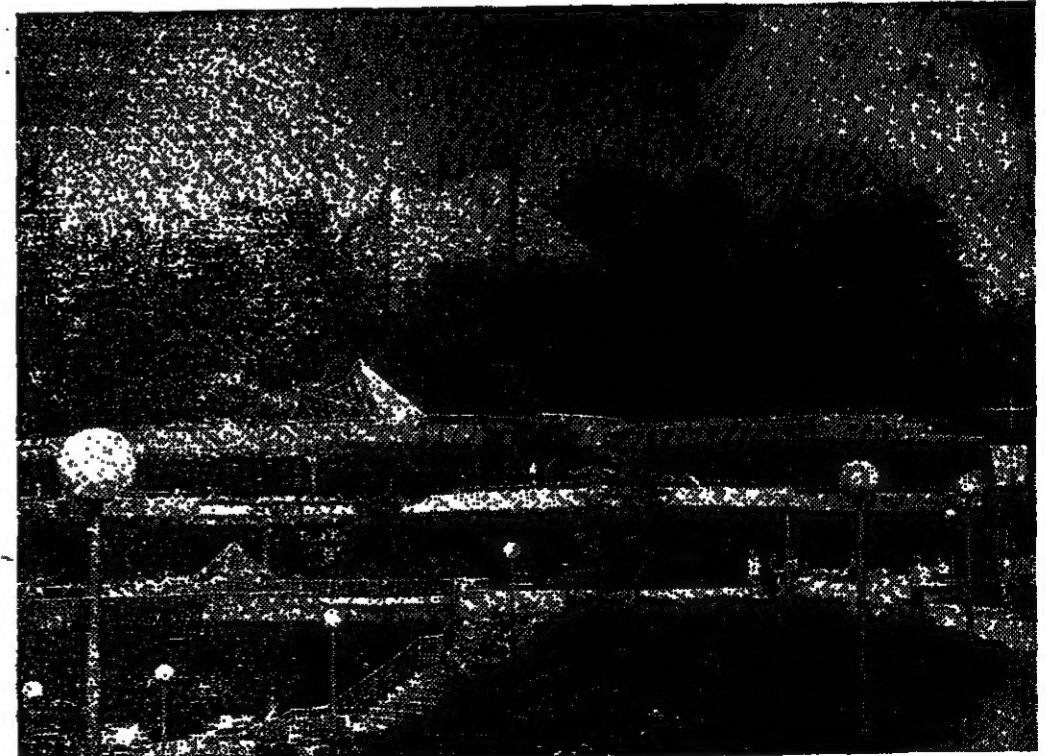
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KOOR INDUSTRIES, headed by Meir Amit, is run in a businesslike way. But the country is not. This was the picture that emerged during a two-hour session with the articulate ex-General — former head of Israeli counter-intelligence, now one of the country's outstanding industrial executives, and an assiduous commentator on matters of public moment.

The Government, he believes, is a coalition of special interest groups, without any central direction. "The nation is itself, after all, a kind of organized enterprise. I don't think that an enterprise can be run properly by a board of 21 members (the Cabinet), each one of whom finds himself obliged to make his voice heard on every single topic that comes up." It is not that the Ministers are especially loquacious, but that the factions and sectors they represent have to make their presence felt.

The result is a linkage effect that runs through the whole of society. For each man you appoint to a committee, you have to appoint eight others, because you cannot leave out the youth, or the women, or the religious...

A strong executive is what is needed. Electoral reform would help — not that there are no disadvantages to constituency elections. But, to get away from the present paralysis, there is ever something to be said in favour of change for the sake of change.

Mr. Amit also favours some kind of presidential system, as in France and the U.S. How to accomplish all this he does not know. "I see the problems better than the solutions," he confesses.

Israel's borders? "For nine years we have been deciding not to decide. The time has come for us to make up our minds. I know that showing all our cards weakens our bargaining position. But it is better in some situations to cut our losses, to tell the Arabs that they can take it or leave it, to say this is it, and this is what we are going to fight for."

"At the same time," he cautions, "we should do our withdrawing only if the terms are right. A piece of land for a piece of peace, they say. Well, I know what a piece of land is. Abu Rodeis, which we gave up — I know what that is. It's one million dollars a day, nearly all of it added value. I know from my experience in Koor what a superhuman effort is needed to earn a sum like that."

"Gidi and Mita are also pieces of land. Their value is tangible. But what is a piece of peace? We should demand solid commitments in return for boundary changes: normal relations, an end to economic warfare — all the trappings of a proper settlement."

THE KOOR Industries Group, Histadrut-owned, comprises 80 plants, employs 25,000 workers. Its industrial turnover is IL7 billion, its total turnover (including services) around IL10 billion. Koor accounts for one-tenth of the country's industrial output, and one-fifth of its industrial exports (if diamonds are excluded from the reckoning). Yet it employs only 6 per cent of Israel's industrial labour force.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
MUNICH. — The black-market trade in pocket calculators is booming in Eastern Europe.

A Western calculator, available for as little as \$10 in West Germany, for example, sells for up to \$250 — the equivalent of two months' average salary — in the back alleys of Budapest or Prague.

Czechoslovak border officials have lately been refusing entry to tourists who are in possession of pocket calculators which they have not declared on customs forms. Any calculators brought into Czechoslovakia must be taken back out again. In Hungary, border and customs officials are less stringent and the black market trade in them flourishes.

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Time to decide on borders

Meir Amit (right) ex-general and now a business leader, was sharply critical of the government at a meeting with POST staff members.
David Krivine reports.



How much central control is there? Each subsidiary goes its own way, but... The head office is responsible for making (or approving) just 300 key appointments — out of 25,000 posts in the complex. Financial reserves are centralized. "It would be senseless to hold a cash surplus in one area, while in another area they have to borrow money at 40 per cent interest. So we pool the group's funds. We act as a kind of bank for all our concerns." Information is also pooled, and headquarters does all the long-term planning.

But that is all, Mr. Amit does not want to stifle initiative. A factory may make use of the central buying facilities, but it is not required to do so. "If it loses money, I don't want the manager to blame me because I bought his raw materials for him. He can buy his own raw materials if he wants to."

What about productivity? It is hard to measure. What the worker produces on the shop floor is only a part, and sometimes a small part of the total productivity picture.

"We compete with Japan in selling piping to the Iranians. They beat us on production costs — yet we manage to sell our pipes. That's because ships bringing supplies have to wait months for a berth in those overcrowded Persian harbours. We built our own jetty. It cost us \$2m., but we get our deliveries to our clients on time."

"There are objective reasons for lags in productivity. A company like Sylva in the U.S. has 10,000 people making filaments under one roof. We can't match those conditions. Subjective shortcomings exist too. Our

workers are enclosed in a hothouse of social rights and entitlements. Today, the individual's remuneration has little relation to his output. This is happening all over the industrialized world. In Israel, rectifying (length of employment) enjoys particular advantages. So the older the workplace, the greater the rigidities.

"Mind you, the drive for increased efficiency never stops. Five years ago, our turnover (measured in sales) was 0.6:1 compared with our balance sheet total. Today it is 1:1."

He paused. "With a hard squeeze and by maximizing productivity, we could extract, I suppose, 10-15 per cent more out of Koor's installations — another billion pounds on top of the present IL7 billion without any extra investment." That would be the limit, he thinks, even if everybody worked his hardest.

The guiding-light is exports. "When I came to Koor seven years ago, I found that 43 per cent of its output consisted of building materials. Not surprisingly, during the two years of slump in house construction, 1966 and 1967, the company had lost IL30m.

"This year, only 19 per cent of Koor's output is building materials. And our work for the defence establishment is no more than 13 per cent. Between them, the two activities come to less than our exports, which account for 33 per cent of production."

"How did we do it? We selected growth areas — chemicals, electronics, advanced metals. It was hard to tell people in other branches that they would have no more capital, that they must mark time. But we did that."

authorities, on the other hand, have banned the use of pocket computers and calculators by students on grounds the few who are able to afford the nearly 5000 forints (\$250) which they cost on the black market, would have an unfair advantage over less well-behaved students.

East Germany, meanwhile, continues to confiscate pocket

"Productivity is not just a question of making 120 units a month instead of 100. It is also what you produce, and how you deliver it. Our Chemicals Division exports \$30m. a year. One reason for their success is that they have more than a dozen agronomists running round the world, teaching and helping and mending and servicing."

Koor's latest innovation is the cultivation of plants inside Israel for the extraction of pharmaceuticals. Experimental savings have been arranged on 2,000 dunams of land at Kibbutz Dorot in the Negev. "This is another way of productivizing our industry."

"We have to cast our net wide. It turns out that there may be a \$100m. foreign market for agricultural machinery. We are going ahead with that. It turns out that good ideas for the design of equipment are lying unused in the Vulcani Agricultural Research Institute, the Technion and elsewhere."

WORKERS PARTICIPATE in Koor's management. "It's a way of bridging the inevitable gap between employers and wage-earners. We have instituted profit-sharing. That's not to everybody's taste. Mark Mosevici (former President of the Manufacturers Association) is joint owner with us of a certain undertaking. He rejects the idea of profit-sharing, prefers to pay out a wage bonus."

"I take the opposite view. To me the worker is a partner. But the allocation of profits to the workers is the prerogative of management. It's not part of the wage contract."

Incidentally, the system is not altogether a good thing. Profits shouldn't go to consumption. They should be reinvested. That is what they are for — they are our future, and the future of our workers. Remember, the financing in Koor consists of 10 per cent own capital, and 90 per cent borrowings. When we distribute IL10m. of profits, we are in fact sacrificing IL100m. of new investment."

He also goes along with the industrialists' defensive attitude over credit. Economists have for a long time been criticizing the policy of giving unbridled (that is, cheap) development loans. They see this as a subsidy, and all subsidies, they argue, should be abolished.

Mr. Amit disagrees. These economists are, he maintains, comparing like with unlike. "To say that if the Government stops subsidizing bread, it should stop subsidizing capital is nonsense. Bread is a commodity, and commodities are in short supply. Capital is a means of creating more commodities."

Is it good for the Histadrut, a workers' organization, to be an entrepreneur in addition, to look upon things not only from the point of view of the wage slave, but as a capitalist too?

Meir Amit is sure it is. It gives the Histadrut a more balanced view, a clearer understanding of the workers' true, long-term interests. And it has in consequence won for itself a commanding voice in the formulation of national policy.

calculators at its border points and imprison professional smugglers of the mind-brains which are so much in demand there.

East Europeans who hunger for calculators now hope that the supply will increase when a U.S.-Soviet joint venture project to mass produce the little computers in Russia gets started. The assumption is that the Russians will export part of their production to the other bloc countries.

The 36 Jewish heroes of the Soviet Union

NEW YORK — The student struggle for Soviet Jewry has obtained a translated what it calls "The Red Call of Heroes" — a unique Soviet document circulated among Russian Jews, listing in detail 36 Soviet Jewish admirals and generals of the Red Army during World War II.

According to the SSSJ, the purpose of this compilation is to "counter the Kremlin's increasing attempts to excise Soviet Jewish heroism and martyrdom from the pages of holocaust history." The names range from Rear-Admiral Pavel Trainin, who commanded several fleets, to much decorated General Yakov Kreizberg who played a key role at Stalingrad. Meanwhile, the SSSJ said that a "modern day hero," 34-year-old Moscow activist Lev Gendin, had appealed to Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny to "give me permission to leave and stop discrediting Russia with violations of international treaties." Gendin charged the OVIR, the emigration department, "speaks about my knowledge of 'secrets' which I supposedly knew but the fact is that I really did not know any 'secrets.' The baseness of my detention in the USSR is obvious. My wife Aviva Klein-Gendin is in Israel and I have the right to be reunited with my family."

'Why I am a Zionist'

NEW YORK — A nationwide "Why I am a Zionist" essay competition open to Jewish children of high school age, has been announced by Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, President of the Zionist organization in America.

"The essay competition," according to Dr. Sternstein, "has been established by the ZOA in order to help America's Jewish community effectively convey the full meaning of Zionism and at the same time support their efforts to ensure the new generation's commitment to Jewish survival."

The prizes in the competition are 60 one year partial scholarships (of \$1,000 each) to the Mollie Goodman Academic High School in Israel. The school, which has 10th, 11th and 12th grade English-speaking classes, is located at Kfar Silver near Ashkelon.

Winners of the essay competition will be announced in mid-May. The ZOA, according to Dr. Sternstein, hopes to establish the essay competition as an annual event. It is an effort to enlist ZOA regions and districts in the project as well as other local bodies, such as federations, synagogues, community centres and fraternal organizations are now under way. The ZOA National Office has sent 4,000 letters to a broad range of local and national addresses in the Jewish community in an attempt to attract co-sponsors who would increase the size of the scholarship available to 2,000 dollars per student.

Dr. Murray Rockowitz, Chairman of the ZOA committee for high school education in Israel, noted that the 1,000 dollar scholarship now offered consists of a 500 dollar grant from the World Zionist Organization's Department of Education and Culture and a 500 dollar grant from the Israel Ministry of Education.

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All you ever wanted to know about the American primaries

by
Yosef Goell



After the primaries, the ballyhoo of the conventions.

THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL primaries which are gripping the imagination of the Israel public as never before are equally confusing to many Israelis because of the basic differences between the American and the Israeli political systems. While both systems are electoral democracies, there are three basic differences which must be grasped in order to understand the process by which the Americans select the two candidates who compete for the presidency every four years in early November:

- the first difference, of course, is that Americans elect their presidents by direct popular vote, one disregards the anachronism of the electoral college;
- as opposed to minuscule, politically centralized Israel, the U.S. is a federation of 50 states politically decentralized to such an extent that national electoral politics are really only the sum total of local and State politics spread over an enormous geographic area and a population well over 200 million;
- U.S. political parties are loosely tied, sporadic organizations that are a far cry from the permanently organized, movement-type parties which characterize Israel. As a result, U.S. parties have no acknowledged national leader; an incumbent president, however, can be said to be his party's acknowledged national leader during his first term of office and part of his second.

ONE COMPETITION

This latter point explains the current situation in which incumbent President Ford of the Republican Party is being challenged for the nomination only by one competitor, Ronald Reagan, while the out-of-power Democratic Party is being convulsed by a free-for-all in which there are at least a dozen contenders for the nomination who take themselves seriously. The selection of a national leader for the party every four years for the purpose of contesting the presidential election is done in both parties by the vote of a national convention. This year the Democratic national convention will meet in Kansas City on August 16. Delegates to these conventions are selected in one of two ways: state caucuses or state primary elections.

THE CAUCUS SYSTEM is the older one dating from the presidency of Andrew Jackson in 1828. Basically it is a system whereby local political leaders and activists at the precinct, ward, county or congressional district levels choose their State delegates to their parties national conventions. This system has been under attack from political reformers since the turn of the century as being basically undemocratic and too susceptible to manipulation and outright personal control by party bosses. The upshot of this ongoing criticism has been that more and more states have gone over to primary elections, which permit the rank-and-file party members — and in

some states even independent (non-party) voters or voters of the opposite party — rather than only party activists and leaders, to elect the convention delegates.

Until the current elections, the caucus remained the principal method of delegate selection. This year 29 states and the District of Columbia will choose their convention delegates through the primary system. A total of 2,291 of the 3,008 delegates to the Democratic convention will be elected by primaries, and 1,604 of the 2,259 delegates to the Republican convention. This is part of the trend of recent years towards further democratization of the electoral process — an outgrowth of the turbulent 1960s.

There will be two other new features in the 1976 candidates selection process which are also outgrowths of this trend. Under new rules in many States, candidates can split the State's delegates in proportion to their share of the popular vote in the primary. This could mean that many candidates will arrive at the Democratic convention with minor shares of the delegates. In the past system of winner-take-all primaries and State conventions, the leading candidate usually received a State's entire delegation while the other candidates got nothing, often enabling one candidate to win an overwhelming majority of the delegates for a first-ballot nomination at the national convention. The second new factor concerns

money. One of the worrisome aspects of post-World War II and post-television politics in the U.S. is the growing proportion of millionaires who are dominating state and national politics. Now, for the first time, a candidate can qualify for federal funds to finance his campaign and will not have to depend on his personal fortune or on wealthy contributors. Under a complicated formula, if a candidate can raise a certain minimum amount on his own, he is eligible to receive certain matching funds from the federal government.

Thus, one dollar raised by the candidate can add two dollars to his campaign treasury. This has tended to encourage many candidates who might otherwise have been unable to finance the heavy expenses of a presidential campaign. To appreciate the impact of this reform one need only recall the sad plight of Hubert Humphrey in his 1960 race for the Democratic Presidential nomination against millionaire Senator John Kennedy when his money ran out in mid-campaign and he was forced to give up the race long before the national convention.

THE IMPORTANT POINT to make about the primaries is that they do not follow uniform rules in all States. Only a few of the primaries are binding on the delegates elected, most being only advisory in nature. Even the few primaries that are binding are so only for the first ballot; after that the delegates themselves may decide whom they will vote for.

This year's primaries began with a vote in one of the smallest States, New Hampshire, on February 24, and they will continue until June 8, when the Ohio primaries are held. The important primaries left in the interim period are: New York on April 6; Pennsylvania on April 27; Texas on May 1; Michigan on May 18; and California, the largest State with the largest delegations, on June 8.

DISAPPOINTING SHOWING

A good example of the use of primaries is the present situation in the Republican Party, where President Ford has the nomination for a second term practically sewed up. The only official contender, Governor Reagan, has been practically knocked out of the race by his disappointing showing in the first four primaries. The results in these early primaries have an effect on voting behaviour in the later ones — given the American anti-ideological penchant of voting for a winner.

In the case of the Democrats there is every evidence of it being a wide-open race. Given the new primary rules in many States, it appears certain even at this early date that there will not be a first-ballot nomination. The actual decision will be made only in a subsequent ballot in an interplay between the expression of party preference as recorded in caucuses, State convention and primary decisions and the gut desire of the party, chastised by the McGovern debacle of 1972, to return to power.



Helen Jackson



Betty Ford



(UPI) Cornelia Wallace



(AP) Rosalynn Carter



(Yonah Hadar) Nancy Reagan (Camera Press)

Pretenders for the first-lady title

by Pamela Laratt / Washington

TEN ASPIRING First Ladies, each trying to outdo the others on the score of marital harmony, are jockeying for position in the run-up to the Presidential election.

These are the contenders: Republicans Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan, and Democrats Rosalynn Carter, Helen Jackson, Cornelia Wallace, Ladonna Harris, Eunice Shriver, Ella Udall, Erma Byrd and Bethine Church.

Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan present a study of opposites, for all their common early background in show business and long years of political whitewash. Both seem to be running somewhat less than neck-and-neck if only because Ronald Reagan lost momentum in the early rash of primaries in the east.

Elsewhere, the voters include an anti-abortion faction who would just as soon see Betty Ford gag on the equal rights amendment. Since the incumbent First Lady opened up in defence of the rights to abortion, equal pay and pre-marital sex, she gets leaflets distributed against her.

But to a significant degree, Mrs. Ford is loved and admired as a woman of courage and warmth who will not shrink from controversy or double-talk to the media. She is, at 58, still a golden girl who loves to dance, photographs well and adores the children who seem to turn out in force wherever she goes. She is the President's chief asset.

Like Betty Ford, Nancy Reagan is the former California Governor's power behind the throne, but she is brittle, calculated and relentlessly so. A driving force who figured in Reagan's strategy policy decisions as Governor, she forbids her aides to wear pant suits and Reagan critics contend that "Nancy is Ronald Reagan." She wakes her husband daily at 7.30, puts him to bed by 10 o'clock sharp, and makes decisions about appointments to the Reagan team. He calls her "Mommy," and she supplies the needed stamina to keep the campaign and the candidate going.

The Reagan campaign has more money than the President's and besides, they are millionaires with a 630-acre ranch in Santa Barbara and a five-bedroom house in the Pacific Palisades. At 52, Mommy travels better than her husband. She has been married to him for 24 years. These are four children from Reagan's two marriages, his first to actress Jane Wyman.

Like the Fords, the Reagans are

close and affectionate in public, but the Reagans have long reunion classes and they look professional, as is fitting, for a pair of former actors. In hard times such as these, Mommy will fix up her husband's favourite snack: macaroni and cheese.

THE DEMOCRATS have to run faster, at least for the next few months, because more of them will be eliminated. Of the nine female hopefuls, one is independently wealthy (Eunice Kennedy Shriver), and one is a gangbustin' Comanche Indian from Oklahoma (Ladonna Harris). All but Mrs. Byrd express an interest in social causes, with the plight of the nation's elderly the most common one.

Rosalynn Carter, 48, another high school sweetheart, looks like the nice wife of a peanut farmer with four kids, and she is. Her husband, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, has captured the top spot in the early primaries and is regarded as the Democratic front runner. Mrs. Carter's career had been technically confined to motherhood and political partnership when Carter wrested the Governor's mansion in Atlanta from all comers in 1970. Earlier, when Carter's father died in 1953, the young couple rushed back from Annapolis where Jimmy had just graduated and he ran the small peanut seed business while she kept the books. Business boomed, and they supplied the region with seed and fertilizer.

Helen Jackson, 42, met her husband "Scoop" in a Senate elevator when she was 27 and new on Capitol Hill. Although Senator Henry Jackson, the front-running Conservative Democrat, had been on The Hill for 20 years, he decided it was time to get married then and there. Her father was a big-time miner in Albuquerque, her mother was born in China, the daughter of a missionary.

According to the blonde former Senate receptionist, there are two things she has never had to lobby her husband about: equal rights for women, and a better deal for the elderly. "The elderly," says Mrs. Jackson, "are the really neglected people. That's what I think we should try to alleviate: the isolation of that whole segment of our society." The

Jacksons have two children, Anna Marie, 12, and Peter, nine, and have come a long way up since their first cup of tea in the Senate cafeteria.

Cornelia Wallace is the youngest, at 37, and possibly the most remote of the candidates' wives. If so, it is understandable. Since May, 1972, when a bullet paralysed her husband from the waist down, she has had to suffer the duties of Alabama First Lady without many of the fringe benefits. Although many friends and foes believe George Wallace is being bypassed because of his handicap, Cornelia is still athletic, and turns to fascinating, roller skating, tennis and such things whenever the time allows. A former water skier at Florida's Cypress Gardens, she grew up in a political family and started handing out leaflets at an early age. She has a Beauty Queen's face, a dark, flashing presence and fierce devotion to the Governor, whom she married in December, 1970.

LADONNA HARRIS is a Comanche from Walters, Oklahoma, who grew up in the home of her grandfather, a medicine man, and followed Comanche customs of dress, language and religion. Senator Fred Harris is running a populist campaign for President, but is faring miserably. Ladonna is a known fighter for Indian rights, women's rights, and a respected organizer. She is not, by her own admission, a "tea party type." Clearly the most active of the wives, she models herself after Eleanor Roosevelt.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, 54, started at the top. She is fifth of the nine Kennedy children, and the brightest of the women. As executive vice-president of the Kennedy Foundation for retarded children, she oversees the spending of about \$3 million in family funds every year. It goes mostly into research, and Eunice supports the elaborate special Olympics, now a nationwide event and highly competitive. She has little chance of becoming First Lady because "Sarge" has stopped active campaigning.

Ella Udall is 47, blonde, aggressive and as outspoken as the woman she admires most, Betty Ford. "I don't think first ladies should be bound and gagged," she said in an inter-

view. "And I don't think they should sit, and dutifully and dotingly look at their husbands and nod in agreement." Her husband, Congressman "Mo" Udall is the top liberal in the race. Mrs. Udall cares most for the handicapped and the elderly, and would clearly lobby for social change if elected. She declines to give what she calls "little talks" on the campaign trail. She does give interviews, is a vicious scabbler player and her husband calls her "Tiger," because in his words, "she's spirited, tenacious and when you upset her, she pounces."

Erma Ora James Byrd, 58, "doesn't want to be a public person," according to a spokesman for her husband, Senator Robert Byrd, who is Majority Whip in the Senate and chairman of its powerful Rules Committee. She declines all requests for interviews. The Byrds were high school sweethearts and they have been married 40 years. They even ran a rural "Ma and Pa" grocery for a decade before he went up to the state legislature in the late 'forties.

Bethine Church, 52, follows her husband's passion for the plight of the elderly, and intends to make an issue of it following Senator Frank Church's declaration of his candidacy. In an interview, Mrs. Church said she has had a "real partnership" in her marriage, without an independent career, but nevertheless a substantive supporting role. Their two grown sons have taken this year out from college and preaching in Boston to help run the campaign.

BY THE TIME they are off and running for First Lady, the candidates' wives are usually ready to accept the supportive role or dump the rider.

Two cases in point are Joan Kennedy, the glamorous, but troubled wife of non-candidate Ted, who is clearly not anxious to "get back out there and fight," and Muriel Shapp, wife of Pennsylvania favourite son Milton Shapp, who dropped out of the race halfway through March. Shapp's wife has a busy career of her own as a marriage counsellor.

The 10 women still in the 1976 race can look forward to endless good-girl interviews, Holiday Inns in all 50 states and cloudy seas as their husbands spend private moments with the staff and public moments extolling their happy marriages. It's all backwards, counter-revolutionary and shameless, but that's the game.

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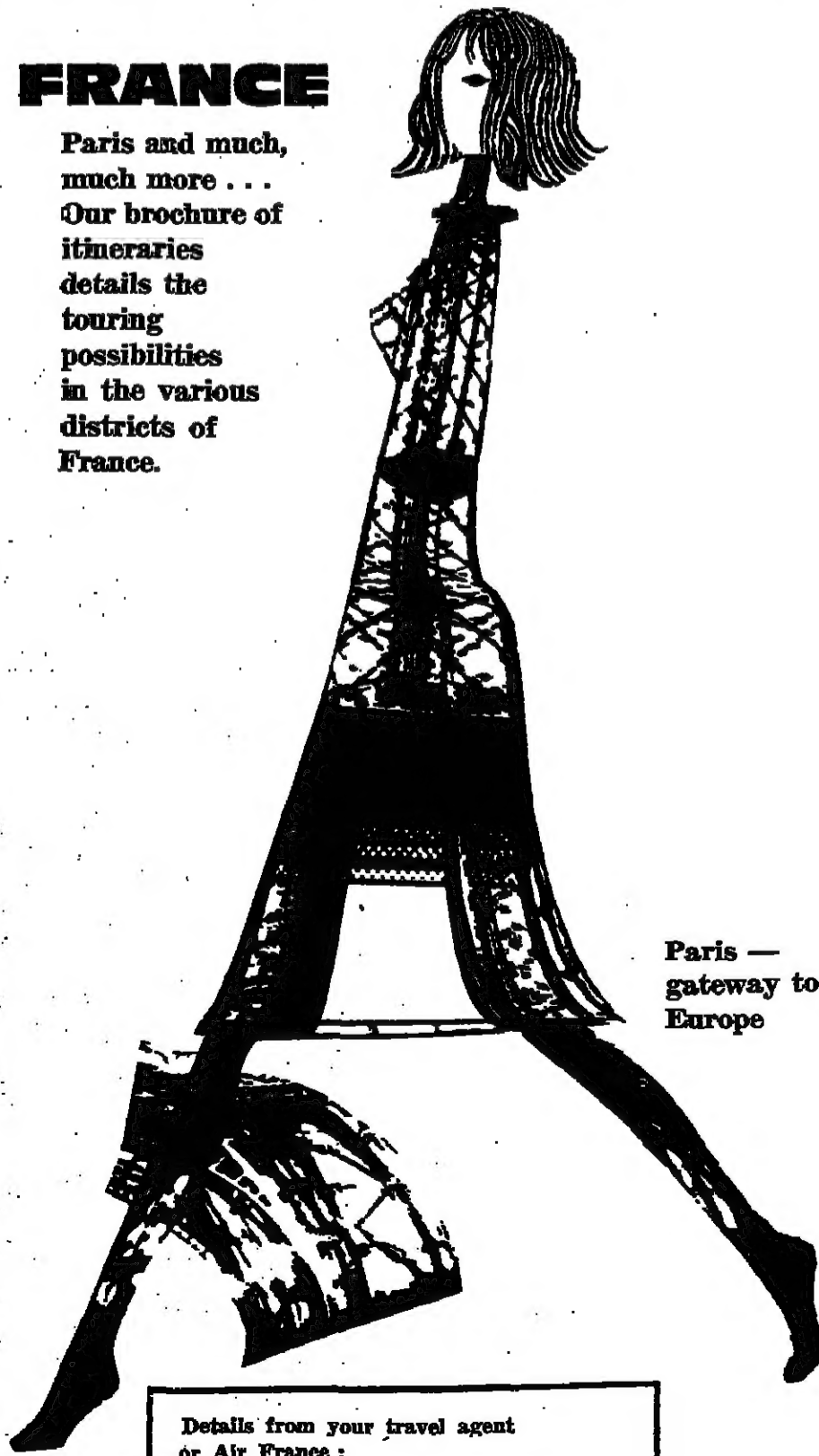


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HOW TO HIT THE BOYCOTT

ONE DIRECT WAY out of the whole morass would be to make compliance with the boycott illegal for all American companies. At least a half dozen anti-boycott bills are now under consideration in the Congress, the most far reaching of which was introduced in the House by Elizabeth Holtzman (D. Brooklyn) and Peter Rodino (D. New Jersey) along with 60 co-sponsors. It would prohibit participation in the secondary aspects of the Arab boycott by American firms and provide stiff civil and criminal penalties.

On the face of it, support for such legislation appears strong. Newspaper editorials have been almost unanimous in attacking an operation which by its very nature runs counter to American principles of freedom of trade. The boycott hardly has a political constituency willing to make a case for it openly.

What the anti-boycott forces have been up against is an administration determined to pursue its Middle East policies without having to confront the Arabs in any way over the moral issues raised by the boycott. Aside from occasional gestures necessary to "head off" damaging legislation, there have been only two moves by the Federal government to deal with the boycott directly. One action came when, after an independent investigation, the Justice Department concluded that the secondary aspects of the boycott involved serious violations of existing U.S. anti-trust laws. Before the Justice Department went ahead with a planned landmark suit against the Bechtel Corp., however, the State Department was allowed to present its views on the possible foreign policy implications of the case.

In fact Henry Kissinger was so concerned that he personally cabled Attorney General Levi from China, during the presidential trip there last November. According to a highly placed State Department source, Kissinger's concern was that the anti-trust action "could be seen by the Arabs as a deliberate U.S. Government decision to act against their



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns... bowing to pressure. (AP)

policy. Thus it could have had an adverse effect on the peace-making process."

Attorney General Levi held his ground, however, and the suit was filed on January 16 of this year. It charged that Bechtel, one of the biggest U.S. prime contractors doing business with the Arab world, was refusing to deal with Arab blacklisted U.S. subcontractors and for this purpose the company maintained a boycott list. Bechtel's initial response did not deny compliance with Arab boycott requirements but said that the suit was "unwarranted," in that the boycott was not illegal under U.S. law.

IN ONE MORE attempt by an independent agency to go beyond previous administration policy, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns last December sent out a letter to all member banks warning them about the practice of issuing letters of credit containing boycott provisions.

Such participation in the boycott, even "passively," was "in the board's view, a misuse of the privileges and benefits conferred upon the banking community."

Banking circles considered the warning practically a mandate from the agency they regard as their regulator. At least one major bank, the Chemical Bank, put a moratorium on issuing letters of credit involving boycott conditions. It was clear that if the ruling stood, the whole pattern of boycott-conditioned trade with the

Support is increasing in the U.S. Congress for anti-boycott legislation. Making it illegal for American companies to comply with the boycott might also force Dr. Kissinger to change some of his stances, writes Sol Stern in his final article on the Arab economic war against Israel.

Arab countries would be disrupted.

The banks were in a state of consternation and so was the State Department, the Commerce Department and the Treasury Department. All made strong representations to the Federal Reserve Board asking for what one bank official called a "liberalization" of Burns' ruling.

Bowing to the pressure, Chairman Burns issued a new clarifying letter in January. The key words were that the previous letter "was not intended to create new legal obligations for banks." The new letter also said that primary responsibility for implementing and enforcing U.S. policy on the boycott rested with the Department of Commerce. The banks collectively uttered a great sigh of relief and went back to issuing their letters of credit. They already knew how the Commerce Department enforced U.S. policy.

BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY should not be borne by the Commerce Department alone. Peter Hale, the Commerce Department's boycott man, says: "Basically U.S. policy on the boycott falls under the umbrella of Henry Kissinger. It is a question of U.S. foreign policy."

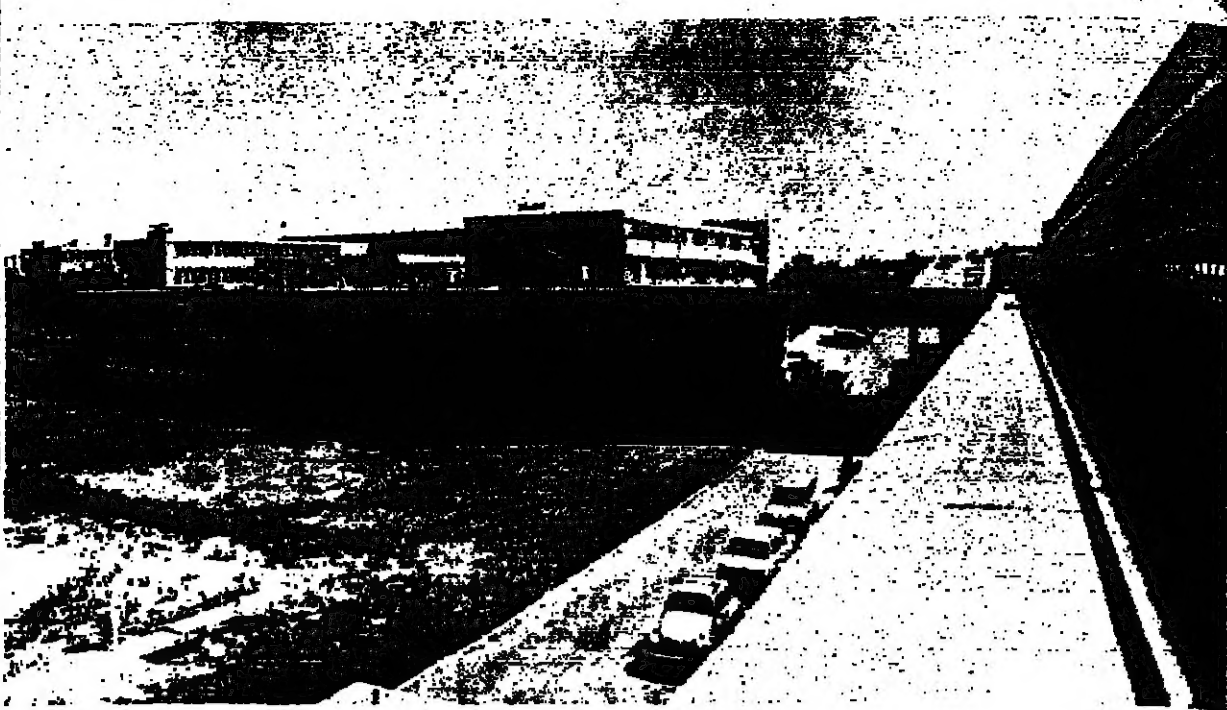
As presented by a high Department official in a recent background briefing, here then is the State Department's view of why there should be no confrontation with the Arabs over the boycott:

"The U.S. has a major interest in preserving the peace in the Middle East," said the official. "It is our overriding political concern. But it takes two sides to make peace and the Arabs are at least 50 per cent. To play a role we must be seen by the Arabs as at least aware of their problems — at least reasonably sympathetic. They want to be seen as people who have a just cause."

The official went on to say the Arabs have reason to believe that the boycott prevents Israel from getting stronger, that there is a consensus among them on this and that they can't be talked out of it. The Department is aware of the boycott, it is opposed to it and it urges companies not to abide by it. But, said the official, "the only effective way to reduce the boycott and ultimately eliminate it is to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict."

In other words, until U.S. diplomacy succeeds in bringing the millennium to the Middle East, Americans will just have to put up with a good deal of blackmail. For it is clear — whether it is in the form of "agents' fees" or "increased capital development" or just plain political blackmail — that the major function of the Arab boycott is to exact tribute. And as long as a blacklist of American companies is accepted as a routine part of doing business in the Middle East, there will be no end to the threats and intimidation. That prospect is just morally compounded by the government's double-talk about opposing boycotts.

The Justice Department's suit against the Bechtel Corp., if pursued to a successful conclusion, could do something to restore the balance — despite the State Department. But that is likely to involve years of litigation. In the meantime, the ball is now with the Congress, where support for anti-boycott legislation is on the rise. Making it illegal for American companies to comply with the boycott might also force Henry Kissinger, despite himself, to say something about American principles the next time he sits down with a prince from Saudi Arabia. (By arrangement with "The New Republic")



The campus at Haifa University... "Did they think about the maintenance cost?" (Rachel Hirsch)

Israel's higher education must come down to earth

Abraham Rabinovich speaks to a group of visiting U.S. academics who believe that Israel must prove it has the creativity and flexibility to put higher education to the service of its society.

WITH THE ELEGANCE of expression of which only academics are capable, six visiting university administrators from the United States have spent much of this week pricking the bubble of reverence surrounding Israel's system of higher education.

After a short but intensive tour of Israel's universities, the six expressed serious reservations to their Israeli colleagues not only about the physical growth of these institutions but about their relevance. "We were amazed that a country of this size and with these kinds of economic pressures has undertaken in the last 10 years to create two new universities and expand three existing ones in the way you have," said the leader of the group, Dr. Robert Wood, President of the University of Massachusetts, in an interview this week. "We were fascinated by a Mandarin posture in a Spartan state."

What Dr. Wood, a former Secretary of Housing and urban development in the Cabinet of President Lyndon Johnson, saw as Mandarins was the orientation of Israeli universities towards pure research and intellectualized activity in the tradition of the great German universities. It is an elitist tradition, Dr. Wood feels, and he and his colleagues wondered about the Israeli counterparts whether this was any longer relevant to Israel's needs — down-to-earth needs like social integration and economic growth.

"Israel has great universities," said Dr. Wood. "You don't have to prove it. The Technion is almost as good as MIT (where he taught). You don't have to prove that Jews can make a great intellectual contribution."

"What Israel has to prove is that it has the creativity and flexibility to put higher education to the service of its society. We think the scholars of Israel have made their mark on the international world of scholarship for 20 years and this had an important national function. We're not sure it's as important any more for Israel to be over-represented at international conferences in organic chemistry or atomic science as it is to deal with Israel's specific problems."

RESPONDING to an invitation extended by the Hebrew University and the Foreign Ministry to organize a group of American university leaders for a nine-day study tour Dr.

Wood deliberately refrained from including the heads of the great research institutions of the East Coast such as Princeton and Yale, with which Israeli scholars, he feels, are all too familiar.

Instead he invited the heads of public universities with broad experience in mass education, innovative approaches and "outreach" programmes. They included President Thomas Bonner of Union College in New York State; Chancellor L.C. Carter Jr. of Atlanta, who administers six black universities; Chancellor James A. Norton of the Ohio Board of Regents which runs 62 campuses; President Marjorie D. Wagner of California State College; and President Edward W. Weidner of the University of Wisconsin.

The group emphasized the need for creating in Israel alternatives to the traditional university — alternatives which would not only aim at meeting national needs but also the needs of individuals left out in the non-academic orbit by the present system. These alternatives would include a broad network of two-year community colleges and outreach programme extended into the wider community.

Community colleges, Dr. Wood feels, would go a long way towards providing trained personnel to bridge the gap between Israel's expanding technological base and diminishing immigration. Located in development towns, he feels, such institutions would serve effectively as tools for integration and uplift.

It was the regional college at Tel Hai on the Lebanese border which impressed the group more than the new Haifa university tower ("did they think about the maintenance cost?") or anything else they saw during their tour. The Israeli officials to whom they spoke about it seemed somewhat embarrassed by Tel Hai — by the inadequacy of its library, by the limited educational background of the kibbutz students. "But," says Dr. Wood, "we were enormously impressed by this beginning of efforts to relate education to some of the outlying regions."

In his own university, Dr. Wood has dispatched faculty members to slum areas in the Boston region to give courses in consumerism, nutrition and other subjects. He has organized engineering and business administration courses in white collar districts for the middle-aged middle-class. "Education can go with you all your life and save you at

that desperate moment when you think you're at a dead end."

APART FROM this general humanistic motivation, says Dr. Wood, the academic community in Israel has no shortage of specific national problems to which it can usefully direct its attention. "Higher education has to respond to the national agenda. If part of it is how to deal with continuing national difficulties, it is reasonable to ask psychologists to address themselves to this problem."

"If the problem is to get ready to enter into the Common Market, it is reasonable to ask scientists to dress themselves to this problem in addition to their other exotic pursuits." His home state, Massachusetts, he notes, has its natural resources and lives by its industrial wit, an effort to which state's universities have contributed considerable spin-off.

Running a three-campus university with 22,000 students, Dr. Wood is tough-minded administrator and steadily aware of "the bottom line": the fact that education is costly, the money is limited, that priorities must therefore be established. Israel's universities, he feels, have been largely shielded from this reality by Jewish philanthropy abroad. The money squawks have begun, however, and Dr. Wood foresees the necessity of making choices sharpening in the future.

DR. WOOD is aware that his advice is not popular with Israeli academics. One Israeli scholar responded last week to the suggestion that national needs demand theoretical work and more involvement in the country's problems, saying that his primary commitment was to truth rather than Zionism. Dr. Wood asks whether Israel or any other nation can afford any longer to fund the quest for truth beyond certain limits.

"It seems to us that, with jeopardizing the pursuit of knowledge, academic institutions here could be directed to provide better correlation with the national mission. This is the job of the post heading the institutions. What strikes us is that there are over 2,000 students here in traditional universities and only 25,000 in other forms of tertiary education. What we saw were institutions of high quality offering a traditional education in the context of a non-traditional society with a whole lot of very unusual educational tasks to undertake."



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Now we must reassess

THE INSISTENCE of American officials that there is nothing new in Ambassador Scranton's blunt reminder of continuing U.S. opposition to Israel's settlement activities in East Jerusalem and the West Bank is factually correct. It has long been obvious that the American foreign policy community, from the President down, considered these activities prejudicial to an eventual solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute. This was clear beginning with the officially articulated American position at the Security Council debates in July 1967, through the 1969 Rogers Plan, the more recent Saunders testimony before a Senate committee and the officially sanctioned Brookings proposals.

Israel has never agreed with this assessment and the Americans, for their part, did not press the issue with any great urgency after 1969. The Scranton statement would seem to indicate a new departure in American tactics. For what else are we to make of the State Department's insistence on choosing a debate in which Israel is being outrageously and spuriously accused of denying the religious rights of the Moslem population of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, to air its differences with Israel on the settlement issue.

Whether tactical or substantive, this latest departure in the articulation of American policy should serve notice on the Israel government that the prolonged period of grace during which it could conveniently put off potentially divisive decisions and pride itself on having "decided not to decide," is fast coming to an end.

Israel's settlement policy in and around Jerusalem and in the other territories occupied in the wake of the Arab initiated war of June 1967, was originally based on widely accepted political and security concepts. This has found its most concrete expression in the thickening ring of Israeli neighbourhoods which today surround Jerusalem. But execution of this policy on the Golan Heights and in the Jordan Valley has been less determined. The total number of Israeli settlers in the dozen or so settlements in each of these areas is barely 3,000, after nine years of effort.

It is a political fact of life that the settlement issue has become a cause of deep division in internal Israeli politics. Mr. Scranton's words at the Security Council should, however, serve as a warning that the international and security implications of settlement policy must now be accorded the priority they deserve. We can no longer afford the luxury of granting primacy to considerations of internal politics.

It is time to reassess this policy. The settlements on the Golan Heights, for example, proved of little military use in the face of Syrian invasion during the Yom Kippur War, but were politically important in buttressing Israel government resistance to American pressures to withdraw dangerously close to the Hula Valley as part of the 1974 separation of forces agreement with Syria. The development in and around Jerusalem will undoubtedly have a similar effect on Israel's political position in the future.

It is time, however, for a fresh assessment of the political implications of Israel's settlement efforts in the other sectors. Are the assumptions which originally underlay the decision to sprinkle settlements along the Jordan Valley and in the Rafiah-El Arish area still valid today? Conversely, are these settlements perhaps more essential than ever, if the recent American talk of the need to progress in the direction of an overall solution is merely a smokescreen for pressuring Israel into wholesale withdrawal in return for something far short of peace? And if this is so, should not the partisan settlement efforts at Kaddum, Ofra and even Kiryat Arba be viewed as constituting a dangerous diversion of our limited human and financial resources from the main areas that need buttressing against international pressures?

Mr. Rabin's desire to postpone the moment of truth in being forced to decide is understandable. But is it still justifiable?

A decision on the fate of Kaddum is slated for the end of April after the elections on the West Bank, or so we have been promised. It would be well — after the Scranton speech — if in preparing for that decision, the Cabinet would widen the scope of its deliberations and reassess overall settlement policy and performance in the territories.

Anan Safadi considers aspects of the West Bank unrest

Doubts about the elections

AFTER ALMOST two months of unrest, climaxed by violent riots, the West Bank and East Jerusalem have reverted to a fragile calm, which may of course be disturbed by further scattered outbreaks.

In a tragicomic reaction, officials blamed Israel's own TV crews for precipitating the violence, simply by bringing in their cameras. Instead of commanding the restrained reporting, which was skillfully presented particularly on the Arabic programme, the officials tended to overlook the fact that the Israeli television coverage was mild compared to that of foreign networks whose correspondents carried out their professional duty by documenting the news. More important is that the media have been restricted — under the guise of security — from covering what is in fact a political crisis.

In retrospect, it seems clear that neither the Israeli TV crews nor their foreign colleagues contributed to the friction. In fact, the recent West Bank unrest flared up long before many of the newsmen realized its seriousness. Nonetheless, officials found it easier to make a scapegoat of the media than to analyse where their own concepts went wrong.

For one thing, only when the unrest reached its climax did the authorities take action — by sending in troops en masse. The extended inaction constituted a deviation from the traditional policy of containing the focal trouble spots without jeopardizing normalcy elsewhere. This eight-year-old policy has been successfully implemented by the Judea and Samaria Military Commander, Tat-Aluf Arye Shalev, who was indisposed during the recent West Bank outbreak. The change of attitude foreseeably resulted in violent clashes, with West Bank mayors resigning in protest and aggravating what has become the worst phase of unrest since 1967. And these developments served as yet another pretext to summon Israel to a hostile debate at the Security Council.

Certainly the TV crews were not to blame. Nor, as some officials naively suggested, was it the Palestine Liberation Organization that instigated the riots — to demonstrate their influence in the West Bank despite their involvement in Lebanon.

ON THE CONTRARY, the PLO was desperately trying to catch up with the events as the breathless spokesmen of this movement indicated upon issuing their commentaries in Beirut and New York. It is no secret that many PLO sympathizers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have been casting doubt over the recent unrest which they viewed to have been "artificially" staged by pro-Jordanian elements using the Temple Mount controversy to boost their image on the eve of the forthcoming West Bank elections.

Indeed, the PLO has never been enthusiastic about any local independent initiative not led by it.

The recent unrest, which is the first spontaneous upheaval by local Arabs in eight years, could have been avoided.

It all began with the protest over a Jerusalem Magistrate's ruling permitting Jewish prayers on the Temple Mount, which embraces the Moslem shrine of the al-Aksa compound. This was a challenge to the Moslem authorities, who had believed that their jurisdiction over the site was uncontested. They had even been allowed to hope that as part of a peace settlement there was some prospect of "holing the Jordanian flag" over the Temple Mount.

Immediately after the court decision, the Government should have

realized that Moslem feelings toward the Mount are as sensitive as Jewish ones and made the official position clear to Moslem leaders by means of a tolerant dialogue. One wonders if any official has tried to find out whether the Moslems object even to the entry of Jews to the Temple Mount (which has been going on for some time).

THE TEMPLE MOUNT issue has no doubt been exploited by radical-leftist political groups within the framework of their competition with the traditional Arab Establishment as the April 18 West Bank municipal elections draw nearer. The result has been that the radical left capitalized on "the Arab street," where extremists were evidently to establish a foothold prior to the elections.

It is therefore difficult to understand why Defence Minister Shimon Peres insists that the elections should not be postponed. In contrast to his assumption that no mayor has asked to put off these elections, many indeed would prefer to have them adjourned. The mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, who has resisted pressures to join the recent massive walkout by his colleagues, is one of those who have been advising putting off the West Bank vote "under current circumstances."

Equally baffling was Mr. Peres' action in amending the Jordanian elections regulation which, along with other Jordanian laws, is still in effect in the West Bank. Until now, only male rate-payers (usually heads of households) could vote. But under the amendment, for every ten

dinars paid in rates, the taxpayer may designate additional male or female voters from among his family, or even his employees.

EXCEPT FOR the show of a large number of voters, this move does not even have the saving grace of introducing further democracy. It will most certainly work against the traditionalist elements who, for one thing, are reluctant to send their women to the polls. In fact, from their point of view, the amendment is a two-edged sword. Although in most cases their candidates are not those of their employees or grown children, they have little choice but to designate these as "additional voters."

This explains why many traditional leaders are unwilling to participate in the forthcoming elections and test themselves against the younger voters. It was hardly a surprise when the Hebron mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'afari, who withdrew his demonstrative resignation earlier this week, chose to follow the lead of his colleagues in Nablus, el-Bireh, and other places in declaring that he would not run for re-election.

Recent events in the West Bank are unlikely to help the moderate Arab-Jewish coexistence nor to facilitate their attempts to win adherents for the Government's approach. It would clear the air if Mr. Peres would admit that mistakes have been made in recent weeks.

Many of these mistakes have stemmed from the fact that the Government, through the Defence Ministry, chose to function as master. Errors might have been avoided had there been an autonomous Arab administration which would have borne the responsibility for domestic matters and concerned itself with fostering new local leadership, the way the local population deems fit. In the absence of such a leadership, it is not to be wondered that the issues were debated by school pupils and street rioters.

POSTSCRIPT

FACIAL FOR A LANDMARK

ONE OF JERUSALEM'S known downtown landmarks, the Generali Building at the intersection of Jaffa Road and Rehov Shalom Hamalka, is undergoing a Pessah facial. Sand-blasting machines are removing the dirt and grime of decades and the stones are once again to be seen in their creamy, pristine cleanliness. Though the sand and dirt being blasted off is something of a nuisance to passers-by, doubtless to those who live and work in the immediate neighbourhood — we hope that the Generali (one of the first buildings to be visited by newcomers since it houses the office where one obtains an identity card in the harbinger of a general spring clean of the capital.

THE PARK HOTEL fire must have been a terrifying experience for those who were caught in it, but at least the inhabitants of Netanya row nobly to the help of the hapless victims.

We have received a letter of appreciation from an Italian tourist, Rosita Levi Piastsky, author of a "History of Italian Costume" and Hon. President of the Women's Org. Committee in Italy. She cites in particular the selflessness of Jael Dine, the only one of the hotel waiters to brave the wind, rain and smoke to go up to the third floor and help rescue the guests, herself among them.

She also mentions the kindness with which she and others were taken in at the Gan Hamalech Hotel put up on armchairs and given tea and anything else they needed. "I myself, being 78 years old and drenched to the skin, was given a bedroom, with as many blankets as needed."

If only we didn't need a disaster order to show ourselves in our decent colours.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Old camels in young skins

Sidra: Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)

RABBI TANHUMA and Rabbi HIRSH say, as does Rabbi Berechiah in the name of Rabbi Elazar of Modi'in: We (in Eretz Yisrael) got it from those who came back from (the Babylonian) Exile toward the end of the fifth century B.C.E.; that wherever it is said "And it came to pass," a tale of trouble follows... "And it came to pass on the eighth day" (Leviticus 9:1) — that is the day on which Aaron's sons Nadav and Avihu died (Vayikra Rabba 11:7; Megilla 10a; Berechit Rabba 42:3).

"And to Moses (God) said: 'Come up to God — you and Aaron, Nadav and Avihu, and 70 of the elders of Israel' (Exodus 24:1) — From this we know that Moses and Aaron went in the van, followed by Nadav and Avihu, with all the rest of the Jews behind them, and Nadav said to Avihu: "When will those old fellows die already so that you and I can take over the leadership?" The Blessed Holy One said to them: "We shall see who buries whom." Rabbi Papa said: This is what is meant by the saying: There's many an old camel walking around in a young camel's skin. Rabbi Berechiah said: The Blessed Holy One said to Nadav and Avihu: "Don't celebrate tomorrow today, for you never know what a day will bring" (Proverbs 27:1) — Many a pony has died, leaving its skin as a cover for its mother's back.

RABBI ELIEZER taught: Aaron's sons perished because they handed down judgments in the presence of their master, Moses.

Rabbi Elazar taught: A disciple must not issue judgments within 12 miles of his master, the distance referred to in (Numbers 35:49): "Their camp (of the Israelites) beside the Jordan extended from Bet Hayeshimot (present-day Beisatim), 2 kms. from the Dead Sea's northeastern shore) to Avel Shittim (present-day Tel el-Hamam, 15 kms. east of the Jordan at Jericho). When Rabbi Tanhum son of Rabbi Yirmiah was at Heder (believed to be present-day Mashhad, in the Nazareth-Zippori region), he was asked for and rendered judgments. He was told: "Aren't we taught that a disciple must not hand down judgments within 12 miles of his master; and does not your master, Rabbi Mani, live in Zippori?" He said: "May I perish if I realized that!" And from that time he never issued another judgment.

Rabbi Ellyas bar Abba said in Rabbi Yohanan's name: He who issues judgments in the presence of his master deserves to be bitten by a snake (Vayikra Rabba 20:6,7,10; Berechit Rabba 7:5; Erubin 32b 33a; Serachot 31b; Sanhedrin 62a).

YALQUT SHIMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Ezekiel 46:16-46:18; Parashat Hahodesh); Rabbi Eliezer says: The Temple is destined to be rebuilt, and its gates — which sank into the ground at the time of the Destruction — will rise up again in their places (Pirkey Derabbi Eliezer 31).

M.E.

READERS' LETTERS

THE TRAVEL TAX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to "Travel tax rises high aliyah" (March 8), I agree that this tax imposes restrictions on foreign travel for Israelis, however, I cannot imagine it being a deterrent to aliyah.

The cost of visiting one's family overseas can easily be overcome by having the overseas family visit Israel. An even better solution is to have the parents of the children living in Israel, or the children of the parents living in Israel make aliyah. This would not only save immigrants money, but would increase aliyah and the flow of money in the Israeli economy, and perhaps remove the need for a travel tax.

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DEFERENCE IN THE MID-EAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I fully agree with Mr. Dayan's statement before the Israel America Chamber of Commerce that we cannot continue the armament race, filling our arsenals with sophisticated tools of destruction. Nor can our Arab neighbours compete in this race without risking new conflagrations soon.

But it is beyond comprehension to come out openly for the second time with the suggestion that Israel have the option of producing atomic means of destruction as a warning to our neighbours that we can destroy them. It is true that this is the basis of the concept of deterrence which applies to the superpowers. But does it apply in the Middle East? Will it be

so difficult for the Arabs to produce or acquire a small nuclear gadget like the Hiroshima bomb and put it to use?

I have been preaching against the spirit of self-destruction for decades. Is it not more reasonable to seek the armament and compromise for peace — standing on our guard until we get used to living together — in order to co-exist with the Arabs instead of risking another Madada?

What Mr. Dayan and his supporters in Israel and the Diaspora need is a change of heart and mind for the survival of Israel is a peaceful and prosperous Arab-Jewish Middle East.

ELIE ELIACHAI

Jerusalem.

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ISRAEL PRESS

Hardening of U.S. line

DAYAN (Histadrut) regards the Soranton speech at the UN as an indication of the pressure to be expected should Ford be re-elected. The speech indicates a hardening of the Washington line at a time when it is trying to mould new friendship with Egypt through the supply of arms. The paper says that Israel must now make a sober appraisal of her status in the international arena.

HA'ARETZ (independent) says Soranton's address shows that there has been a real change in America's attitude to settlement in the administered territories. By stating that settlement is a violation of international law, the ambassador has adopted the Arab argument for the first time. The paper suggests that Israel's American friends be informed that there is no intention of changing united Jerusalem's status as the country's capital.

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